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PREFACE.

The object in writing the following pages has been to preserve in convenient form for reference, a brief sketch of the early history of that branch of the Overmyer family and connections descended from John George Obermayer, a German emigrant, who left the Dominion of Baden and came to America in 1751, and by giving in chronological order all the family records of his descendants that could be obtained, to furnish material for future biographies and enable all of us to solve, more readily, such questions of dates, descent, kinship, hereditary or inheritance as may arise in our future history. The work of collecting material for this record was begun many years ago, but the more difficult task of selecting, arranging and writing up what was deemed worthy of presentation has been necessarily delayed from time to time through the pressure of other business cares.

Mindful of the admonitions of the Fourth Commandment, Ex. xx-12, and Eph. vi-2, 3, it is hoped that this, our first printed record, may prove an honor to our dead, whose memories we love to cherish and whose virtues we would imitate, and a benefit to the living by strengthening the ties of kindred and prompting us to lead lives worthy of each other, worthy of our ancestors, and worthy of imitation by our children to the latest generations.

These pages have been written from a sense of duty, and to the best of our ability, yet we are aware that they contain many imperfections of form and matter, which longer time and ampler means would have enabled us to remedy; yet we venture to give them as they are, trusting that they may serve some useful purpose in every family among us and at least be an incentive hereafter to keep a full and accurate record of such incidents, events and dates as shall aid any future family historian.

INTRODUCTION.

The following sketches of pioneer life in Central Pennsylvania, Northern Ohio, and Northern Indiana, gathered from the early traditions of our ancestors and histories of portions of those respective provinces or states, now for the first time put into print, may be regarded as a sort of home-made patchwork, like the calico bed-quilt, made in "ye olden times" by our grandmothers from numerous bright colored scraps, gathered here and there during a busy life-time and carefully sewed together in motley groups or sections, widely "hit or miss," for the purpose, not alone of ornament or warmth, but chiefly as reminders of the dear departed friends of former years.

The family records, also, which have been collected during brief personal visits or tedious epistolary correspondence and arranged at a vast expenditure of time, labor and patience, may fitly suggest the pioneer log cabin of our forefathers, which were slowly and laboriously raised by the carrying together and putting up of log after log until the rounds were high enough to receive the humble clap-board roof.

The name Obermayer is said to have originated as a family name from one of the great grand-sires filling the office of the chief or highest mayor in a city or dominion, perhaps many generations ago, in a German province, hence "Ober-Mayor."

The reader will notice the various ways the name is spelled at this later day. Some of the leading descendants of the Emigrant years ago, according to tradition, argued with the rest of the family that they should change the name of Obermayer to Overmyer, simply using the English letters instead of the

German, changing the "Ober" to its equivalent "Over," and the "mayer" to the shortest English form "myer."

One of the arguments was that we had settled in this country, helped to gain its independence, and were in short a fixture here, and for these reasons should wear the English name. However, all families herein recorded can be clearly traced to the Emigrant John George Obermayer of 1751, designated by the initials (J. G.)

The writers hope to be pardoned for recording many incidents and transactions of many of the pioneers of Central Pennsylvania and Ohio who were not related to the Overmyer family, also for portions of history of their surroundings, which are so closely interwoven with the history of our grand-sires and their descendants as to be almost inseparable.

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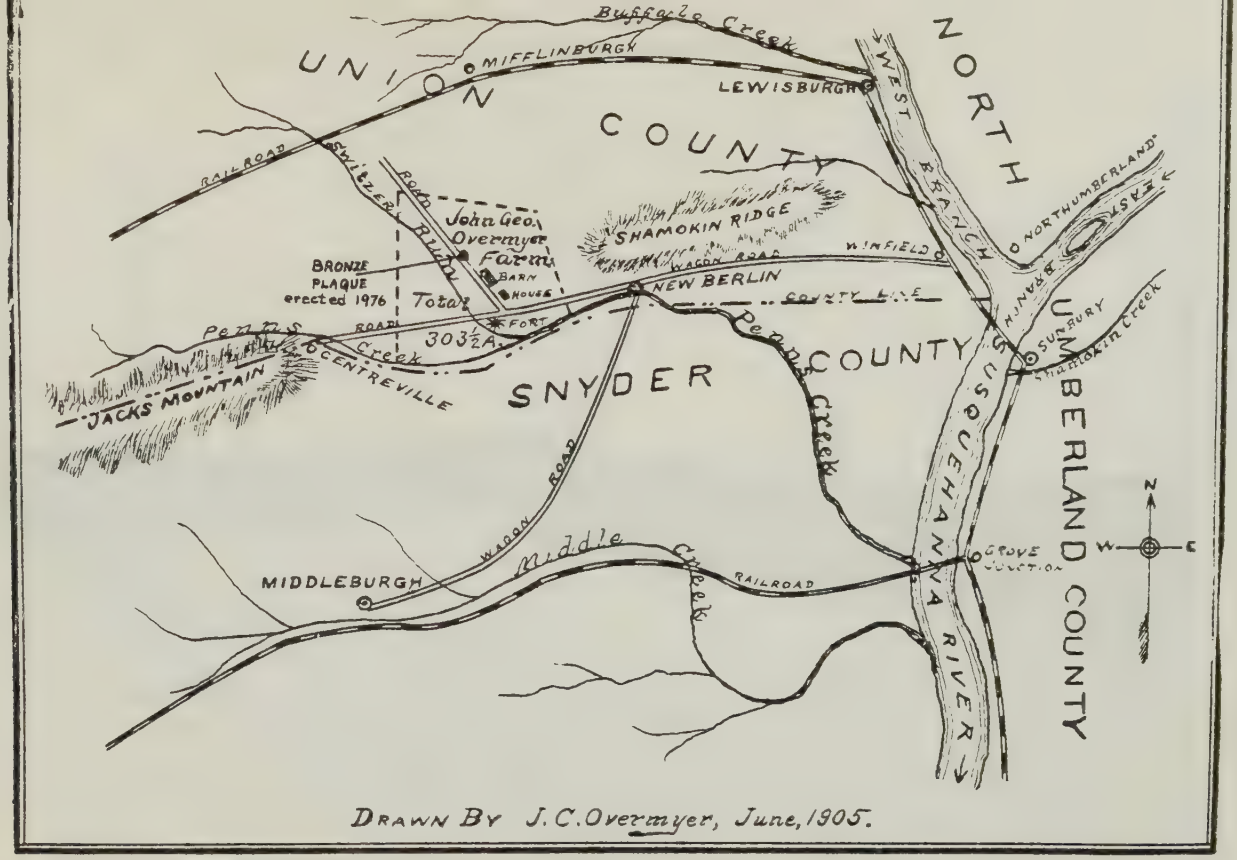

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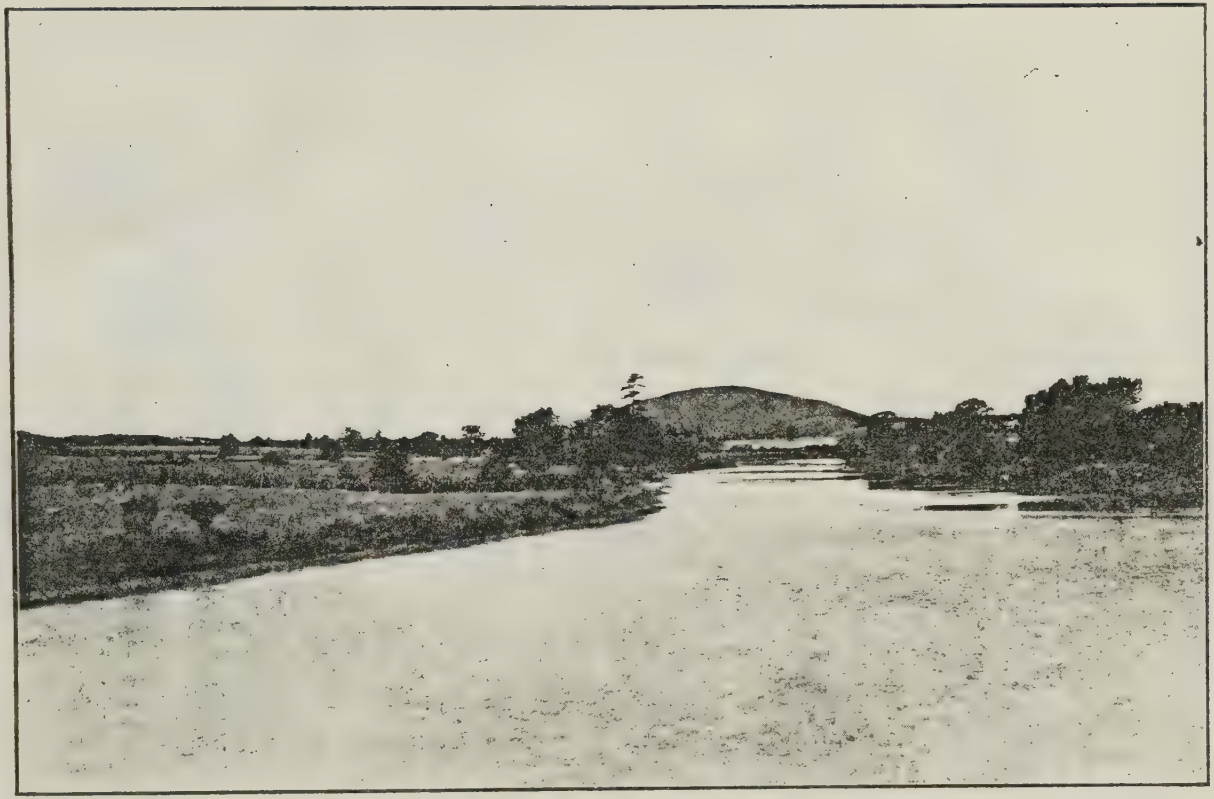

View of Penn's Creek with Jack's Mountain in the distance, looking west from the bridge at New Berlin.

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OVERMYER HISTORY
—AND—
GENEALOGY.

CHAPTER I.

Lineage, Birth and Family History of John George Obermayer, a German emigrant who came to America from Baden, Germany, in 1751.

History of nations and history of countries has always been interesting, instructive, and eagerly read by intelligent nations and peoples, so much so, that the history of individuals and families, seems to the writers of this volume of equal interest and importance.

Therefore, after gathering data for nearly twenty years, we find from a reply received from Pastor G. Flecht, of Blankenloch Baden, Europe, written January 20th, 1892, in answer to a letter written by John C. Obermyer of New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, that the church records of said province, contain these facts, that a citizen named John George Obermayer was born at Nentzlingen, in Anspach, Bavaria, in 1680, the day and month not being given, and was married to Ann Bane, date not given, became a citizen of Blankenloch, Baden, some time previous to 1718. Said records further show the following facts: That the said John George Obermayer was a weaver by occupation in Blankenloch, and a copy-holder later in Buechig, a suburb of Blankenloch.

The following is the family record of said John George Obermayer, as shown by the Lutheran Church records of said Parish, the children of John George Obermayer and his wife, Anna.

John Philip, a petty farmer and jailor, born Aug. 29th, 1716, married Margaret Graeber, April 6th, 1741, died Jan. 31st, 1772.

Mary Catherine, born February 9th, 1719.

Anna Mary, born Jan. 28th, 1721, died Aug. 16th, 1721.

Anna Barbara, born July 8th, 1722.

Elizabeth Catharine, born Sept. 5th, 1725, died Oct. 14th, 1725.

John George, born Oct. 27th, 1727.

The last named is the principal subject of this history and was baptized the day following his birth, October 28th, by John Christian Ebersole, pastor of Blankenloch and Buechig, Baden. The witnesses of the baptism were John George Bane, a citizen and weaver, Henry Bane, a citizen of Buechig, Sussannah, wife of Jacob Werners, also a citizen and weaver, and Anna May, wife of John Storken, a citizen of Hagsfeld. The foregoing data has been copied from the Register of Baptisms, and the Church Records of Blankenloch, Baden. Of the following twenty-three years, no definite records could be procured, but the supposition is that the baptized babe was brought up in the customary mode of his country and his time, by his devoted Christian parents. He was educated to some exent, as the remaining fragments of his diary show, that he was able to read and write and was familiar with Bible history, and church duties, besides the signature of the list of his fellow passengers with whom he came to this country, shows he was one of the number who could write his name in signing the list, while many had to make known their assent by an X or cross.

Pastor Flecht, in his explanatory remarks says, "I find in the death records of this Parish, that John George Obermayer, the emigrant's father, died August 12th, 1743, aged sixty-three years, and there is no record of his mother's death to be found and the supposition was, that after the deat hof her husband, she with her youngest son, emigrated to America, but no such facts can be found in history or tradition, as her name does not appear on the list of passengers that landed with him, neither do we find any mention of her as being with him, in his adopted country, at any time."

Before proceeding further, we deem it proper to give a glimpse of the family history of the emigrant's oldest brother, John Philip Obermayer and his wife, Mary Graeber.

John Jacob, born May 31st, 1742, married Eva Catherine

Hemperlin, March 17th, 1768, this John Jacob, being a nephew of the emigrant, was born and died in Blankenloch, having descendants, as follows:

Martin, born Dec. 30th, 1769, died in a sanitarium in Heidelberg.

Eva Margeretha, born July 30th, 1771, married ——— Waltz, died Sept. 20th, 1819.

Jacob, born Jan. 16th, 1773.

Noah, born Oct. 11th, 1777.

On May 4th, 1751, twenty-three years, six months and six days after being baptized in preparing to leave his home and native land to go to the new colony of Pennsylvania, North America, he, the emigrant, John George Obermayer, procured the following letter of introduction from the pastor of his church in Blankenloch.

"In testimony of John George Obermayer's honest service and praiseworthy conduct while in our midst, especially of his knowledge and confession of the Evangelical Religion, "Lutheran," to which I cheerfully subscribe with my own hand and stamp with official seal. John Christian Ebersole,

Pastor of Blankenloch and Buechig.

Blankenloch, May 4th, 1751. (Official Seal)."

From his diary we learn that five days later, on May 9th, he went for the last time to church in Blankenloch. There then, at the age of maturity, we find him worshipping at the shrine of the God of his infancy. His notes say, "There we sang once more the hymns, 'There are none whom God has forsaken; Bless the Lord, Oh, my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name. Lord Jesus Christ, to us attend, etc."

"It was the fourth Sunday after Easter, when we heard the Gospel lesson for the day, John 16:5-15, which begins, 'But now, I go on my way to Him that sent me, and none of you ask 'Whither goest thou?' "

No wonder the step in his life which he was preparing to take, was fraught with success when we consider the preparation he made therefor. First, he made the Spiritual preparation, and as the sacred volume teaches, "The seed of the righteous shall multiply and replenish the earth to the third and fourth generations of those who love God and keep His commandments."

The following pages of this volume will show that in the early

history of Pennsylvania, his adopted country and home, he performed much service of good and of great importance to his fellow citizens, for which his offspring are honored and thankful, and they are legion.

Three days after receiving the letter of introduction from his pastor, being May 12th, 1751, he sought the proper officials to procure transportation papers, or passport, as it is commonly called for the safe passage to the colony of Pennsylvania, North America, a verbatim copy of which is as follows:

"PASSPORT OF JOHN GEORGE OBERMAYER.

Inasmuch as the above mentioned John George Obermayer, native of Blankenloch, has resolved by the grace of God to leave this province to go to the New Country, the colony of Pennsylvania, and has most respectfully besought and petitioned us as the representatives of this Court for an honorable dismissal and certificate of good character, and we cannot justly refuse, but on the other hand, we cheerfully testify upon the ground of truth, that he has in his service in our midst conducted himself as a Christian, as steadfast, honest, trustworthy and indust[illegible]

We therefore wish Mr. Obermayer [illegible] temporal but also eternal blessings. We therefore [illegible] ctive persons, whether of high or low estate, with this [illegible] unty, not only to permit him to pass free and unmolested [illegible] ever he may choose to go, but also without suspicion, kindly [illegible] ceive and entertain said Obermayer in whatsoever place or [illegible] y he may announce himself, for which we shall ever be the indebtors.

In the name of this Court of Justice, we still remain the humble servant.

Judge Bierich, Attorney, Kintzma.
School Supt. Feigler, Clerk of Court.

Blankenloch, May 12th, 1751.

Blankenloch, in Baden, the birthplace of John George Obermayer, is situated just north of Switzerland on the east side of the Rhine. The Grand Duchey of Baden, consists principally of a narrow but fertile plain on the east side of the Rhine. Grain and wine are the chief products. Carlsruhe is the capital. Manheim, at the junction of the Rhine and Neckar rivers, is one of the finest cities in Germany.

From his diary we glean that on the 14th day of May, 1751, John George Obermayer girdled on his worldly belongings and bid farewell to mother, sisters, brothers, and the home of his childhood, and set his face toward the far-off wilderness, the new colony of Pennsylvania, beyond the vast ocean. What an undertaking, at that time? But hundreds, bold and brave, were doing likewise. On that 14th day of May, 1751, he beheld for the last time the home of his youth, for on that day he left Blankenloch for Rheinhausen. Four days later, the 18th, he sailed from Rheinhausen, toward Manheim. On the 20th they were at Worms, where Dr. Martin Luther had met the diet in April, 1521. There they joined in singing that old familiar hymn, "Oh, Holy Ghost, descend, we pray."

On the 4th day of June, at 2:00 o'clock, they passed through the Bingerloch, a strait or narrow passage in the Rhine, and at 7:00 o'clock they passed through the Bay of St. Gwoar, a dangerous whirlpool, where they encountered great danger, arriving at Amsterdam, June 16th. The voyage from Rheinhausen to Amsterdam was o[illegible] weeks duration. From Amsterdam to Rotterdam the jou[illegible]as continued he embarking from Rotterdam on th[illegible]h of [illegible] and touching England on the 22nd, thence sailin[illegible] ou[illegible] vast ocean.

[illegible]age on the Atlantic ocean we have no notes, suffi[illegible]sa[illegible] it was as all voyages were in those days of no prop[illegible]wer, but sail and wind, tedious and of long duration.[14]

Leaving the shore of England June 22nd, on the ship named "Brothers," commanded by Captain William Muir of Rotterdam, with two hundred passengers, only a partial list of whose names we are able to procure.

The following are all the names we are able to copy. Those with mark or X to their names were unable to write:

Johannas Leinberger,	Johann Jac. X Maul,
Henry X Shneyder,	John Peter X Sheesler,
Johannas Rieber,	Adam X Adams,
Jos. X Kennel,	Frederick X Hirschner.
Henrich Seistel,	Christoph Hauck,
Paul Mercker,	Sebastian Nagel,
Frederick X Millefelt,	Jacob Lehme,

Erhart X Millefelt,
Michael Bieber,
Christoph Weber,
George Hackir,
Peter Albert,
George Madir,
Valentine Walter,
Johannas Schmitt,
Johan Nicolas Merkel,
Geo. Conrad Meffet,
Philip Brentz,
Johann Jas. Ablen,
Johann George Hotzele,
Jacob Ludwig,
Martin X Wolff,
Henry X Wolff,
Christoff Hener,
Jacob Hauer,
Jacob Hiet,
Joachim Nagel,
John George Obermayer,
Michael Oberly,
Andrew Klein,
Peter X Moore,
Peter X Dingis,
Peter X Heysor,
Johannas Seyfarth,
John Jacob Zegenfuss,
Johann Philip Schneck,
John Mechior X Swerer,
Hans Jac. Farnie,
Hans Adam Wagner,
Frederick X Entzminger,
Johan Jac. Schmidt,
Johannas Schmidt,
Johan Adam Stein,
Johannas Zoesler,
Ludwig X Friedland,
Johann Jac. Blum,
Andrew Mohr,
George Mintzer,
Conrad X Menser,
Jacob Roth X,
Anthony X Graff,
David Beitch, X
Michael X Beitch,
Daniel Zoller,
Valentine Blumenstein,
John Wendel X Beylestein,
Martin Maintzer,
Jacob Frantz,
David Mussgnug,
Michael Raub,
Anthony Nogel Jr.,
Anthony Nogel Sr., X,
Hans George Dillman,
Johna Adam Heiser,
George Bastian Eigelberger,
Johannas X Minitzer,
George X Hoffheintzer,
Ludwig Bender,
Ludwig Weltnes,
aJcob Ritter,
Christian Peter,
John Jacob X Gerling,
John George X Kirchner,
Bernhard X Hauer,
Johann Michael Hause,
Johann George Staehlein,
Anthony Hauer,
Hans George Kappes,
Johannas Munster,
Hans George Uhlrich,
Ludwig Schlineker,
Friederich Daniel Mueller,
John Henry Past,
Henrich Mag.

On the 16th day of September they landed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, making a voyage of about eighty-six days on the ocean, since leaving England, and one hundred and twenty-five days since leaving Blankenloch. Wonderful, the difference in navigation on the high seas, as in all else, between 1751 and 1900.

The next record we have of the emigrant, John George Obermayer, we find him a citizen in Paxton township, now Dauphin County, in Pennsylvania, in 1770, being on the assessment list with the following named citizens, Robert Clark, Walter Clark, Robert Fruit, William Maclay, Matthew Smith, William Plunket, Michael Troy, William Clark. He was designated a widower when the list was made ten years previous.

In order to give the readers of this volume an idea of the condition of affairs in the colony of Pennsylvania at the time the emigrant Obermayer landed on the shore at Philadelphia, we will digress somewhat from the individual or family history and introduce throughout this chapter some reminiscences of the colonial history of Pennsylvania, especially that portion of the colony which the emigrant assisted in improving and upbuilding to the end of his days. We will quote largely from "Annals of Buffalo Valley," Rupp's Collections and other Pennsylvania records embracing that period of time, beginning about 1750, or earlier, carrying the narrative relating to the individual and the country together till 1805, when said emigrant ended his earthly career. The localities of the Indian tribes prior to William Penn's arrival in 1682, have been identified as follows: The Five Nations, as they were then called, occupied the territory north of the sources of the Susquehanna and Delaware rivers. In 1714 they became the Six Nations by adopting the Tuscarora tribe, and Shikellimy, a noted chief of the Oneida tribe, was sent down upon the Susquehanna as the governing chief of the Delawares and the Shawanese. In a letter, Governor Patrick Gordon, in 1728, speaks of Shikellimy as being a good man. Shikellimy fixed his residence at that time at the old Muncy town in Buffalo Valley, and he was visited by the first white man as far as known that ever set foot within it. On the 27th of October, 1737, Conrad Weiser left the settlement farthest north in Pennsylvania being where the big

Swatara Creek flows into Lebanon County and on March 4th, reached Shamokin, "now Sunbury". They now had traveled about eighty miles and on the 5th they rested. On the 6th an Indian trader took them across the river and they again rested. On the 7th they started along one branch of the river, going to the Northwest. On the 8th they reached an Indian Village where Shikellimo lived, who was appointed to be their companion and guide on the journey. Now the weather became bad and the waters high and no Indian could be induced to venture forth. The Indians were out of provisions at this place. Weiser wrote, "I saw a new blanket given for about one-third of a bushel of Indian corn. This village was situated in Buffalo Valley, which embraces that portion of the new colony Pennsylvania, in which the emigrant, John George Obermayer, finally settled, and assisted in converting from a howling wilderness, infested by wild beasts and Indians, to fine and comfortable homes of progressive, industrious and liberty loving citizens.

On October 9th, 1747, Wesier again met Shikellimy at Shamokin, very sick with fever. He was hardly able to stretch forth his hand. His wife, three sons, one daughter and two or three grand children, were all bad with fever. There were three buried out of the family a few days before, one of whom was Cajadis, who had been married to his daughter, about fifteen years, and who was considered the best hunter among all the Indians. He recovered, however, from this sickness and in March, 1748, called on Weiser at Tulpehocken, with his son Logan. He died in April, 1749, at Sunbury, and the latter became the celebrated Mingo chief.

By the journal of Mack and Grube, Moravian missionaries, it appears that Logan lived at the mouth of Chillasquaque Creek, August 26th, 1753. In 1765 he lived in Raccoon Valley, at the foot of the Tuscarora mountain. Loudon in his "Collections," says he could speak tolerable English, was a remarkably tall man—over six feet high—straight as an arrow, and well proportioned; of brave, open and manly countenance, and apparently afraid of no one.

In 1774 occurred Lord Dunmore's expedition against the Shawnese towns, now Point Pleasant, West Virginia, which was

the occasion of Logan's celebrated speech famliiar to every school boy.

Cumberland County was erected out of Lancaster, on the 27th of January, 1750, the north line only to extend as far north as the north line of Perry now or the Juniatta river. The country was thus far purchased from the Indians. Nevertheless, settlers pushed on north of the boundary line. The Indians protested against the occupation of the country north of the line, by the whites, and wished the people called back. Then came the Treaty of July 6th, 1754, at Albany, between the chiefs of the Six Nations and Thomas and Richard Penn, conveying that portion of the province west of the Susquehanna river, north, to John Penn's creek, then westward, striking Lake Erie, a few miles north of Presque Isle—now Erie. The line crossed Penn's Creek, near New Berlin. Settlers then pushed their way up along Penn's Creek, and north of it. By 1755 there were fully twenty-five families north of Penn's Creek, in Buffalo Valley. Braddock's defeat, July 9th, of that year, emboldened the Indians, and they determined to clean out all these settlements, and they did it so effectually that few ventured upon the bloody ground until after the surveys of 1768.

The following record of a petition addressed to Robert Hunter Morris, then Governor, under the Proprietaries, tells the whole story. We, the subscribers, living on the south side of the mouth of Penn's Creek, on the west side of the Susquehanna, humbly show that on or about the 16th of October the enemy came down upon said creek, killed, scalped and carried away all the men, women and children except one wounded man, who fortunately escaped and brought us the news. Whereupon we went out and buried the dead. We found thirteen who were men and elderly women and one child two weeks old; the rest being young women and children, carried away. One house was found burned up, the man of it, named Jacob King, a Swisser, lying just by it. He lay on his back, barbarously burned, with two tomahawks sticking in his forehead, the terror of which has driven away all of the inhabitants, except us. We are willing to stay and defend the land, but need arms, ammunition and assistance. Without them we must flee and leave the country to the enemy.

Signed by,

George Glidwell,
George Anchmudy,
John McCahan,
Abraham Sowerkill,
Edmund Mathews,
Mark Curry,
Jacob Simmons,
Conrad Craymer,
George Fry,
George Schnable,
George Aberhart,
Daniel Braugh,
William Doran,
Dennis Mucklehenny,
George Linn,
Godfrey Fryer,
John Young.

Barbara Leininger and Mary Roy, two of the captives, escaped from the Indians March 16th, and got to Pittsburg on the 31st, 1757. Some were captives over four years and had forgotten their own names. The most of the smaller children died of hunger and exposure.

In the Third Volume of the Pennsylvania Archives on page 633, the testimony of Barbara Leininger and Mary Roy is recorded and was as follows:

They say they were both inhabitants of this province, and lived on John Penn's Creek, near George Gabriel's. That on the 16th of October, 1755, a party of fourteen Indians fell upon the inhabitants at that creek by surprise and killed fifteen and took and carried off prisoners examinants and eight more. Jacob Roy, brother of Mary Roy, Rachael Liningaree, sister of Barbara, and two of her children, (one of which died at Rittanin of hunger), Peter Lick and two of his sons named John and William. The names of the Indians were Rech Kinnyperlin, Joseph Compass and James Compass, Thomas Hickman, one Kalasquay, Soucy, Mochynego and Katouochquay. They were taken to the Indian town, Rittanning, where they stayed until September, 1756, and were in the Fort opposite thereto when Col. Armstrong burned it. Thence they were carried to Fort Duquesne and many other women and children, they think a hundred, who were carried away from the several Provinces of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. They stayed two months and were carried to Saucang, twenty-five miles below, at the mouth of Big Beaver Creek. In the spring of 1757 they were carried to Kuskusky, up Beaver Creek, twenty-five miles, where they stayed until they heard the English were marching against

Duquesne, and then the Indians quitted Kukusky and took these examinants with them to Muskingham, as they think one hundred and fifty miles. On the 16th of March, the examinants made their escape and got to Pittsburg on the 31st, 1757. The date of this deposition is May 6th, 1759.

The southwest portion of Buffalo Valley was included in the purchase from the Six Nations made at Easton, Pennsylvania, on the 23rd of October, 1758, with the bounds of which the Indians declared themselves perfectly satisfied. A copy of the original deed is still preserved in the executive chamber at Harrisburg. The line of this purchase in 1758 was the line between Cumberland and Berks Counties, within Buffalo Valley, until the erection of Northumberland County, out of Berks, and others, in 1772. The settlers north of this were assessed in Berks County and repaired to Reading to attend Court; those south of that line were assessed in Penn Township, Cumberland County, and attended the sessions at Carlisle. From 1772, Sunbury attracted attention as the seat of Justice, for the people of the Valley, until the erection of Union County, March 22nd, 1813, a period of forty-one years to a day, when New Berlin became the County Seat, holding it for forty-two years, when, March 2nd, 1855, by the erection of Snyder County, out of Union, Lewisburg, became the political center of the territory, within the scope in which the emigrant, John George Obermayer, assisted in subduing the wild and dense forests and the savage Indians occupying the same.

During the years intervening between the landing of the emigrant, John George Obermayer, from 1751 to 1770, when we again find his name in the history of Pennsylvania, we glean narratives of his life work, from family and church records. Drifting from Philadelphia, the place of his landing, North and Westward, we find him a settler in Paxton, now Harrisburg. Bible records and traditional history show that sometime during the year 1753 he was married to Eva Rosabaum, who was a servant girl for a large landowner, who had paid the fare of her voyage to this country to the officers of the ship in which she came. The writer's father often referred to the fact that the emigrant, John George Obermayer, and his first wife were servants together, for said land-owner, and plowed and grubbed together in stumpy fields where Harrisburg is now situated.

The following facts were gleaned from an old Bible that had been preserved for several generations, which were old and dim, and difficult to decipher, but fully corroborated by inscriptions on the various tombstones.

John George Obermayer, an emigrant, was married to Eva Rosenbaum in 1753. Their first child, John George, was born June 3rd, 1755, Catherine was born Sept. 12th, 1756, Margaratha was born Nov. 6th, 1758, Susannah, born Nov. 6th, 1758, twins. His first wife died and he was again married to a Barbara Vogt, or Foucht, and the children from the union were:

John Peter, born Feb. 5th, 1761.
Elizabeth, born Feb. 27th, 1763.
Anna Eve and Esther, dates not deciphered, probably twins.
Jonas, born March 5th, 1766; died unmarried.
Mary Magdalene, born Aug. 25th, 1767, married Peter Whitmer; died 1839 in Perry Co., O.
Philip, born Sept., 23, 1769; died March 24th, 1843.
John Michael, born Jan. 12th, 1773; died Oct. 19th, 1847.
David, born Nov. 12th, 1774; died Sept. 28th, 1866.
Barbara, born Sept. 17th, 1776.
Jacob, born March 27th, 1778; died May 14th, 1835.

For the protection of the early settlers on the frontier against the Indians, the inhabitants were organized into companies for military drill, and to provide necessaries in case of defense. Those organizations were called Associations or Committees of Safety. The emigrant Obermayer's cabin was then situated in Buffalo where Switzer's Run empties into Penn's Creek, now Limestone Township, Northumberland County, now Union County, was strongly built with heavy square hewed logs and often served as a Fort for the inhabitants of the immediate vicinity. When Indian depredations were feared the settlers would flock to his cabin for safety. He would rally the men and led many expeditions against the prowling savages of the forest. From the time of Braddock's defeat, July 9th, 1755, to 1783, Captain Obermayer discharged varied and arduous duties for his family, his neighbors and his country, at times at the head of a company of men as captain, leading them in battle and put out of the enemy, at other times marching in the ranks and doing

battle under other officers. The services rendered by Captain Obermayer will be fully noted in proper order.

On October 30th, 1753, Washington set out on that famous trip with a letter from Governor Dinwiddie, addressed to the commander of the French forces on the Ohio River. And on the 16th of January, 1754, had returned, and on that day delivered to the Governor of Virginia the reply of the French commander, and reported the results of his journey which disclosed the fact that hostilities were now inevitable, which immediately brought forth the French and Indian War. The Indian tribes that were friendly to the French now began harrassing the frontier settlements, and though suffering and hardships were endured by the early settlers, the services rendered were as it were a preparatory training for officers and men for the great work in store for them of securing for themselves civil and religious liberty and establishing the best government on the face of the earth, for when the Treaty of Paris, Feb. 10th, 1763, ended the French and Indian War, the colonists had by bitter experience, learned to defend home and fireside. It had taught them their own strength and the value of united action. In the long struggle, Washington, Gates, Morgan, Montgomery, Stark, Putnam and others were trained for the great work which was to be required of them in later years. The emigrant, John George Obermayer, marrying and settling in Paxton Township, now Dauphin County, in 1754, continued to reside there and in that vicinity until 1772, when Northumberland County was erected. Richard Penn was Lieutenant Governor. Samuel Hunter Representative in the Assembly. George Nagel served as Sheriff of Berks and Northumberland Counties. In 1770 Jacob Fought bought of Timothy Green two hundred and sixteen acres of land, at the mouth of Cedar Run, including the forks of Buffalo Creek, the rocky mill site, and moved there. In 1771 he built the first mill in the valley. Fort Augusta, now Sunbury, was fixed as the place of election and the county to be entitled to one Representative. The Governor was to nominate a competent number of Justices, any three of whom could hold the several courts on the fourth Tuesday of February, March, August and November, at Fort Augusta, until a Court House should be built. William Plunket, Turbut Francis, Samuel Hounter, James Potter, Wil-

liam McClay, John Lowdon, Thomas Lemmon, Ellis Hughes and Benjamin Weiser were confirmed as Justices in Council and William McClay, prothnotary and clerk of the several Courts, March 24th, 1771. William Gray, Thomas Hewitt and John Weitzel, the first County Commissioners, were sworn in on April 9th. The first Court was held, which was a private session of the peace, William Plunket presiding, James Potter and John Lowdon assisting. The County was divided into seven townships, Penn, Buffalo, Augusta, Turbut, Bald Eagle, Muncy and Wyoming. The first grand jurors were Captain John Brady, foreman, John George Obermayer, John Rearic, Peter Leonard, William Gray, Ludwig Derr, Andrew Hafer, James Park, John Walker and Hawkins Boone, cousin of the celebrated Daniel Boone, later of Kentucky, Walter Clark, Jonathan Lodge, Peter Hosterman, James Harrison, Nicholas Miller, Jacob Haberling and Samuel Weiser, were sworn as assessors. The Honorable Court adjourned and met the fourth Tuesday of May. The commission of William McClay was read and the following members of the bar were sworn in: James Wilson of York, (afterward a signer of the Declaration of Independence and later an assistant Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States), Robert Magaw of Carlisle, (afterward Colonel of the Sixth Pennsylvania and defender of Fort Washington), Edward Burd, George North and Christian Hucks. Hucks was afterward the Tory Captain Hucks of Tarleton's Dragoons, killed in South Carolina in 1780. (See Graydon's Memoirs, page 270). The following persons were granted licenses for tavern keepers: George Wolfe, Martin Trester and Martin Cost.

The first case brought was James Patton vs. James Garley. Magaw for plaintiff and Wilson for defendant. The following curiosity is the copy of a deed by the foregoing Hawkins Boone of a tract of land near New Columbia:

"I promise to deliver to Valentine Lees, his heirs or assigns, a covience for fifty acres of land adjoining Rees grief and John Cox, and to ajine when surveyed to land belonging to Valentine Lees, which warrant was entered sometime last Spring in my own name, and for the performance, I bind myself, my heirs, in the sum of One Hundred Pounds, if in consequence of the said Lees pein me 5 pounds 10 shillings of cash and one par of lether

britches to the valy of one pound 11 shillings. Witness my hand, this 26th day of August, 1773.

Witness present,

Samuel Young. (Signed) Hawkins Boone."

Many ejectment cases were brought on titles procured under Connecticut claims, but they did not avail as against titles from Thomas and Richard Penn, the proprietors. In June a large body of armed men from Connecticut attempted to disposses the settlers of the valley. This attempt was successfully resisted by the posse of the neighborhood. On the 19th of July, a petition was presented to the General Assembly stating that the County was thinly inhabited and contained a great body of intruders from the Colony of Connecticut, who refused subjection to the government and that they found themselves unable to enforce the laws for want of a proper gaol. Whereupon, an Act was promptly passed on the 23rd, granting 800 pounds out of the treasury to build a gaol. The first criminal case was tried at August Sessions. The King vs. John Williams, for larceny. He was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of five pounds, to receive twenty-one lashes on his bare back, and to be committed to the magazine of the Fort at Augusta until the sentence was complied with.

William Speddy's name appears as one of the principal leaders of the list of rioters, from Connecticut, who tried to dispossess the early settlers of the Valley. Governor John Penn had issued a proclamation offerings 50 pounds for the arrest of William Speddy. At the Superior Court then held William Speddy was arraigned and tried for the murder of Lieutenant Ogden, who was shot in an effort to drive the settlers out of the valley, as both Connecticut and the Penns claimed jurisdiction over the valley. After a long and impartial hearing, the jury gave in their verdict "not guilty." The facts brought out during the trial proved that Speddy had warned settlers not to purchase land of Penn unless they had likewise New England rights. That the New England people had more right to the lands than Penn, and owned that he stood by and saw Lazarus Stewart of the New England Company, shoot Lieutenant Ogden, and justified the act. Though Speddy was

found not guilty, the Pennsylvania authorities kept him in close confinement in Philadelphia for more than two years. He had wasted to a mere skeleton and when finally discharged his joy and gratitude overleaped all bounds. He then became a settler of the valley and with John George Obermayer and others of Northumberland County, in December, 1776, volunteered in Captain John Clark's company and served during the campaign of Trenton and Princeton. On the tax lists of 1778-1780 and 1782, he was taxed with two hundred and sixty-two acres of land, one horse and three cows. The latter year he was assessor of Buffalo Township. His signature to the assessment is in a full, round, beautiful hand. In 1785 he moved to a place afterward called Speddy's Gap, Juniatta County, where he resided until he died at a great age.

Through the conflicting claims of owners of grants of land and arbitrary laws enacted by parliament, relating to governing and taxing the colonies, the colonists were fast learning that the time would eventually come when they would be compelled to unite and make a decided stand for their civil rights. Accordingly, letters were sent to the inhabitants of the Counties, of the different provinces or states, and disclose the means taken to organize an opposition to the encroachments of the mother country upon the liberties of the American people, which culminated in the Revolution and Declaration of Independence on the 4th of July, 1776.

The following is a copy of those letters dated

Philadelphia, June 28th, 1774.

To William Maclay, William Plunket and Samuel Hunter, Esquires, Northumberland.

Gentlemen:—The Committee of Correspondence for this city beg leave to inclose you printed copies of the resolves passed by a very large and respectable meeting of the freeholders and freemen in the State House Square, on Saturday, the 18th instant and by the fourth of these resolves, you will observe that it was left for the Committee to determine on the most proper mode of collecting the sense of this Province in the present critical situation of our affairs and appointing deputies to attend the proposed Congress.

In pursuance of this trust we have, upon the maturest deliberation, determined upon the mode contained in the following propositions which we hope may meet with the approbation and concurrence of your respectable county, viz.:

1st. That the Speaker of the House of Representatives be desired to write to the several members of Assembly, requesting them to meet in this city, as soon as possible, but not later than the first of August next, to take into consideration our very alarming situation.

2nd. That letters be written to proper persons in each County, recommending it to them to get Committees appointed for their respective counties, and that the said Committees or such number of them, as may be thought proper, may meet at Philadelphia at the time the Representatives are convened in order to consult and advise on the most expedient mode of appointing deputies for the General Congress and to give their weight to such as may be appointed.

What we have, therefore, to request, is that if you approve of the mode expresed in the second proposition, the whole or a part of the Committee appointed or to be appointed for your County, will meet the committes from the various counties at Philadelphia on Friday, the 15th day of July, in order to assist in framing instructions and preparing such matters as may be proper to recommend to our Representatives at their meeting the Monday following.

We would not offer an affront to the well known public spirit of Pennsylvania as to question your zeal on the present occasion. Our very existence in the rank of freemen, and the security of all that ought to be dear to us, evidently depend upon our conducting this great cause to its proper issue with firmness, wisdom and unanimity.

We cannot, therefore, doubt your ready concurrence in every measure that may be conducive to the public good. And it is with pleasure that we can assure you that all the colonies from South Carolina to New Hampshire, seem animated with one spirit in the common cause, and consider this as the proper crisis for having our difference with the mother country brought to some certain issue, and our liberties fixed upon a permanent foundation. This desirable end can only be accomplished by a

free communion of sentiments, and a sincere, fervent regard to the interests of our common country.

We beg to be favored with an answer to this and whether the Committee from your County can attend at Philadelphia at the time proposed.

Thomas Willing, Chairman."

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the different townships, held Saturday, July 9th, the following persons were selected as Township Committees:

Augusta Twp.	Penn's Twp.	Muncy Twp.
George Yeakle,	Andrew Moore,	John Coates,
Henry Zartman,	David Miller,	James Hampton,
Henry Krebs,	Jacob Hosterman.	William Hammond.
Bald Eagle Twp.	**Buffalo Twp.**	**Turbutt Twp.**
John Fleming,	John G. Obermayer,	Thomas Jordon,
James Hughes,	Thomas Sutherland,	John Nelson,
John Walker.	John Aurand.	Josiah Espy.
	Wyoming Twp.	
	James McClure,	
	Peter Milleck,	
	John Clingman.	

The several Township Committees met on the 11th at Richard Malone's and selected William Scull and Samuel Hunter to represent Northumberland County at the Provincial meeting at Philadelphia. This meeting convened in Carpenter's Hall, at Philadelphia, on Friday, the 15th day of July. Thomas Willing was chairman and Charles Thompson, secretary.

The principal resolutions passed at that meeting were as follows: William Scull being a member of the Committee to draft said resolutions.

1st. That we acknowledge ourselves and the inhabitants of this Province liege subjects of His Majesty, King George III, to whom they and we owe and will bear true and faithful allegiance.

2nd. That as the idea of an unconstitutional independence of the present state is utterly abhorrent to our principles, we view the unhappy differences, between Great Britain and the Colonies, with the deepest distress and anxiety of mind, as fruitless to her, grievous to us, and destructive of the best interests of both.

3rd. That it is therefore our ardent desire that our ancient harmony with the mother country should be restored and a perpetual love and union subsist between us on the principles of the constitution, and in interchange of good offices, without the least infraction of our mutual rights.

4th. That the inhabitants of these Colonies are entitled to the same rights and liberties within these Colonies, that the subjects born in England are entitled to within that realm.

5th. That the power assumed by the parliament of Great Britain to bind the people of these Colonies, "by statute in all cases whatsoever," is unconstitutional, and therefore the source of these unhappy differences.

6th. That the Act of Parliament for shutting up the port of Boston is unconstitutional, oppressive to the inhabitants of that town, dangerous to the liberties of the British Colonies, and therefore, we consider our brethren at Boston as suffering in the common cause of these Colonies.

7th. That the bill for altering the administration of justice in certain criminal cases, within the Province of Massachusetts Bay, if passed into an Act of Parliament, will be as unconstitutional, oppressive and dangerous as the Act above mentioned.

8th. That the bill for changing the constitution of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, established by charter, and enjoyed since the grant of that charter, is passed into an act of parliament, will be unconstitutional and dangerous in its consequences to the American Colonies.

9th. That there is an absolute necessity that a Congress of Deputies from the several colonies be immediately assembled to consult together and form a general plan of conduct to be observed by all the Colonies for the purpose of procuring relief for our suffering brethren, obtaining redress of our grievances, preventing future dissensions, fairly estabilshing our rights, and restoring harmony between Great Britain and her Colonies on a constitutional foundation.

10th. That, although a suspension of the commerce of this trading Province, with Great Britain, would greatly distress multitudes of our industrious inhabitants, yet that sacrifice and a much greater we are ready to offer for the preservation of our liberties. But in tenderness to the people of Great Britain, as

well as of this country, and in hopes that our just remonstrances will at length reach the ears of our gracious sovereign, and be no longer treated with contempt by any of our fellow subjects in England, it is our earnest desire that the Congress should first try the gentler mode of stating our grievances and making a firm and decent claim of redress.

11th. That yet, notwithstanding, as an unanimity of counsels and measures is indispensably necessary for the common welfare, if the Congress shall judge, agreements of non-importation and non-exportation expedient, the people of this Province will join with the other principal and neighboring Colonies in such an association of non-importation from and non-exportation to Great Britain, as shall be agreed on at the Congress.

12th. That if any proceedings of the Parliament of which notice shall be received on the continent before or at the General Congress shall render it necessary in the opinion of that Congress for the Colonies to take further steps than are mentioned in the eleventh resolve, in such case the inhabitants of this Province shall adopt such further steps and do all in their power to carry them into execution.

13th. That the venders of merchandise of every kind within the Province ought not to take advantage of the resolves relating to non-importation in this Province, or elsewhere, but they ought to sell their merchandise which they now have or may hereafter import, at the some rates they have been accustomed to do within three months last past.

14th. That the people of this Province will break off all trade, commerce and dealing, and will have no trade, commerce or dealing of any kind, with any Colony, on this continent, or with any city or town in such Colony, or with any individual in any such Colony, city or town, which shall refuse, decline or neglect to adopt and carry into execution such general plan as shall be agreed to in Congress.

15th. That it is the duty of every member of this Committee to promote as much as he can, the subscription set on foot in the several counties of this Province, for the relief of the distressed inhabitants, of Boston.

16th. That the Committee give instructions on the present situation of public affairs to their representatives, who are to meet

next in assembly and request them to appoint a proper number of persons, to attend a congress of Deputies from the several Colonies, at such time and place as may be agreed upon, to effect one general plan of conduct, for attaining the great and important ends mentioned in the ninth resolve.

The instructions to the assembly were lengthy and commenced with a recital that the dissentions between Great Britain and the Colonies commenced some ten years since and arose from the power claimed by Parliament to bind the people of the Colonies by statutes *in all cases whatsoever* when from local circumstances they could not be represented in it. The object of the convention of Deputies is stated to be to obtain a renunciation on the part of Great Britain of all powers of imposing taxes, or duties internal or external and of regulating trade in articles of commerce raised or that may be hereafter raised by the Colonies; to obtain a repeal of all statutes for quartering troops in the Colonies or subjecting them to any expense on account of such troops of all statutes giving courts of admiralty in the Colonies greater power than the courts of admiralty in England of the statutes shutting up the port of Boston and affecting the province of Massachusettes Bay. In the event of the refusal of these resolutions terms of agreements of non-importation were recommended and a continual claim and assertion of our rights.

These proceedings being communicated to the General assembly it took up the matter and promptly passed a resolution on the 22nd of July, 1774, that there is an absolute necessity that a Congress of Deputies from the several Colonies be held, as soon as convenient, to consult and form plans for the purpose of obtaining redress of American grievances.

In 1775 John Penn was still Governor and Samuel Hunter member of the Assembly. On the 23rd day of January the convention for the province of Pennsylvania assembled at Philadelphia, and continued in session until the 28th, William Plunket and Casper Weitzel representing the county of Northumberland. This convention approved of the proceedings of the Continental Congress; recommended a law prohibiting the future importation of slaves into the province; resolved to afford all necessary assistance and relief in case the city of Philadelphia should be

suspended in consequence of the struggle; that it was their earnest wish to see harmony restored between Great Britain and the Colonies but in the event the former should determine to effect a submission by force to the late arbitrary acts of Parliament it was their indispensable duty to resist such force and at every hazard the rights and liberties of America.

It was resolved to kill no sheep under four years old or sell such to the butcher; and the setting up of woolen manufacturers, especially for coating, flannels, blankets, rugs, etc., was recommended; also the raising of madder and dye stuffs, flax and hemp, making of salt and saltpeter, gunpowder, nails and wire; making of steel and paper, setting up manufacturers of glass, wool, cards, copper in sheets, bottoms and kettles. It was further recommended to the inhabitants to use the manufactured products of their own and neighboring Colonies, in preference to all others; and that a manufacturer or vender of goods who should take advantage of the necessities of the country to raise price, should be considered an enemy to his country.

"This was no doubt the first resolution against trusts ever passed in this country."

It appears from the Pennsylvania records that the county assessment records were carried off to Paxton (Harrisburg) in the escape from the Indians in 1778, and those of 1773, 1774 and 1776 were lost.

The following we glean from the list of 1775 which was in the hand writing of Joseph Green.

It enumerates the acres of cultivated land, of horses, cows, sheep, slaves and servants belonging to each settler, there were only two hundred and forty-one tax payers in all the county which then embraced all of the present Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties. The list is too long to give here in full. We will simply copy a few of the most interesting notes, four thousand three hundred and eighty three acres of cultivated land, three hundred and forty horses, three hundred and ninety-six cows, one hundred and twenty-one sheep, four slaves and fourteen servants.

John Geo. Overmeier, John Rearick, Christian Shively and Jonas, Jacob and Michael Focht were brothers-in-law. Over-

meier lived where Switzer run enters into Penns creek. Shively at the mouth of White Spring run. Rearick near Wehr's tavern and Focht's in Dry Valley and were each taxed as follows: Overmeier with forty acres of cultivated land, two horses, two cows, and two sheep. Shively, eight acres of land, and one cow. Rearick, fifteen acres of land, two horses and three cows. Jonas Fought, twenty acres of land, two horses, three cows and four sheep. Jacob Fought, forty acres of land, two horses and four cows Michael Fought, single, living with Jonas, Sam Hunter, John Clark, Sam McLay and John Lowdon were each taxed with a slave.

Some on the list were designated as freemen which under Markhams charter indicated an electors qualification as follows: No person shall be capable of being an elector or being elected unless of the age of twenty-one and have fifty acres of land, ten whereof being seated or cleared, or be otherwise worth fifty pounds sterling clear estate, and have been resident within the government, two years before such election.

During the year 1775, and after, the settlers were continually harrassed by the Indians, being incited to murder, and plunder, by the British government, who was busy forging chains, to fetter, and bind, the Colonies into complete submission, to any, and all arbitrary laws, enacted by Parliament, the result of which was to hasten the Revolutionary struggle.

At this period the settlers arranged for, and elected a committee of three from each township, called associators or committee of safety, whose duty it was to provide for organizing and drilling, all military organization in the county. The members of the township committee of safety met as a county committee, to devise ways and means for the welfare and safety of the county, in forming military companies securing ammunation and arms as well as the necessities of life for the settlers of the counties. The following gentlemen were unanimously chosen, by their representative township to serve in the committees of Northumberland county and met at different places in the county. The province of Pennsylvania then consisted of eleven counties, and Northumberland county had eleven townships.

Augusta Twp.
John Weitzel,
Alexander Hunter,
Thomond Ball.

Buffalo Twp.
John Geo. Overmeier,
Thomas Sutherland,
John Aurand.

Bald Eagle Twp.
John Fleming,
James Hughes,
John Walker.

Machanoy Twp.
Geo. Yeakle,
Henry Zartman,
Henry Krebs.

Mahoning Twp.
Wm. Cook,
Benjamin Allison,
Thomas Hewet.

Muncy Twp.
John Coates,
James Hampton,
Wm. Hammond.

Potter Twp.
John Livingston,
John C. Millan,
Maurice Davis.

Penn's Twp.
Andrew Moore,
David Miller,
Jacob Hosterman.

Turbut Twp.
Thomas Jordon,
John Nelson,
John Hambright.

White Deer Twp.
Walter Clark,
Wm. Blyth,
Marcus Huling.

Wyoming Twp.
James McClure,
Peter Mellick,
John Clingman.

The duties of the foregoing committee were arduous and varied as a perusal of its minutes amply show as nearly all disputes, crimes and wrongs were referred to it for settlement a few of the many different cases adjusted by them will in the following pages be referred to.

On organization John Hambright was elected chairman and Thomand Ball, Clerk. The members of the committees and their presiding officers were in some instances at times changed and the latest date of its minutes at our access is April 17th, 1777. The following is one of the addresses of them:

Sunbury, 20th April, 1775.

To the Committees of Northumberland County.

Gentlemen: The time is at hand when the spirit of Americans that love liberty and constitutional principles will be put to the trial. What has been by them in their different resolves avowed must perhaps at least be put into execution. The late alarming news just received from England (which we may depend upon) informs that the British Parliament are determined by force to put into execution every of their supreme edicts as they style them together with their late oppressive acts which we have so long and with so little or no effect hitherto complained of.

We consider it absolutely necessary to have a general meet-

ing of the whole county in order to form some regular plan in conjunction with our countrymen to give every opposition to impending tyranny and oppression either by force or otherwise. The time of meeting we think will be best on the first day of May next, at ten o'colck in the forenoon, and the place most convenient at Vandyke's, near Beaver Run in Buffalo Valley. We do therefore earnestly request that you will immediately on receipt hereof in the most expeditious manner notify the inhabitants of your townships of this matter and insist on their attendence without fail there on that day. The place of meeting is such where we cannot expect much accommodation. It will be therefore necessary that every man should provide for himself. We are your humble servants,

(Signed) Cas. Weitzel.

Philadelphia, June 15th, 1775.

To the Committee of Northumberland County.

Gentlemen: Enclosed are resolves of Congress which we have transmitted to you and request you will use your utmost diligence to have as many of the best marksman procured to enlist as fast as possible. They are wanting for immediate service at Boston and we have not the least doubt but the spirit of our people of the Province will induce them without delay to enter into so glorious a service. You will please to consult with gentlemen of knowledge and interest as you can (though not of your committee) for the more speedy raising of the men and let us know your sentiments relative to such gentlemen as may be proper for officers and such as may be agreeable to the men. We hope the counties will advance any moneys necessary as they shall shortly be repaid by Congress. The honor of Pennsylvania is at stake and we have not the least doubt that every nerve will be exerted not only collectively but individually to carry this matter into instant execution. You will see by the attestation to be signed by the men they are to serve one year unless sooner discharged. This may seem inconvenient as the enlistment will be in one day. The intention is to discharge on the first day of July, 1776, unless their service may not be wanting so long according to the attestation which may possibly happen to be the case, and they may be discharged this fall. Let the committee

or officers give certificates for any moneys necessary for the service which the Congress will discharge. It is expected that Cumberland will raise two companies, York one, Lancaster one, Northampton one, and Northumberland and Bedford one. You will keep the resolves of Congress as secret as the nature of the case will admit that the arrival of the men at Boston may be the first notice General Gage has of the matter. The pay of the officers is on the establishment of the whole army, but we beg leave to assure the officers that our interest will be exerted with our Assembly to the utmost to have an addition to their pay so as to equal the pay of officers of the same rank in the Pennsylvania service last war.

We are with esteem gentlemen, your most humble servants,

Thomas Willing,

James Wilson, John Dickinson, George Ross,
Charles Humphrey, Thomas Mifflin, John Morton.

RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS.

In Congress June 14th, 1775.

Resolved: That six companies of expert riflemen be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland and two in Virginia. That each company as soon as completed shall march and join the army near Boston to be there employed as light infantry under the command of the chief officer of the army. That the pay of the officers and privates be as follows.

A Captain at $20.00 per month.

A Lieutenant at $13. 1-3 per month.

A Sergeant at $8.00 per month.

A Corporal at $7. 1-3 per month.

A Drummer at $7. 1-3 per month.

A Private at $6. 2-3 per month.

To find their own arms and clothes.

That the form of enlistments be in the following words:

I have this day voluntarily enlisted myself as a soldier in the American Continental Army for one year, unless sooner discharged and do bind myself to conform in all instances to such

rules and regulations as are or shall be established for the government of the said army.

Charles Thompson,
Secretary.

(True Copy) Cas. Weitzel, Secretary.

The following named persons we find had been at sometime elected as Captain of companies in service at intervals just previous and during the revolutionary struggle. John Lowdon, James Parr, Arthur Daggart, Wm. Gray, David Berry, Samuel Dale, Cookson Long, Samuel Wallis, James Murry, Henry Antis, John McMillen, David Hayes, James McMahon, Charles Gillespie, Wm. Schull, Wm. Clarke, John Hambright, John Brady, Wm. Murray, Simon Cool, John Simpson, John Geo. Overmeier, George Wolfe, Wm. Weirick, Jacob Links, Michael Weaver and others. The time of service we find varied a great deal as some were elected and commissioned for local and frontier defence, others for special campaigns and still others for the Continental army, Captain John Lowdon's company was the first company organized for the Continental service from Northumberland county commissioned as follows: In Congress. The delegates of the United Colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the coutnies of New Castle, Kent., and Sussex in Delaware Marylany, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

To John Lowdon, Esquire:

We reposing especial trust and confidence in your patriotism, valor, conduct and fidelity do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be captain of a company of riflemen in the battalion command by Colonel William Thompson in the army of the United Colonies raised for the defence of American liberty and for repelling any hostile invasion therof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of captain by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under your command to be obedient to your orders as captain and you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United Colonies or committee of Congress for that purpose ap-

pointed or command-in-chief for the time being of the army of the United Colonies or any other superior officer according to the rules and discipline of war in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force until revoked by this or a future Congress.

By Order of Congress,
John Hancock, President.

(Attest) Charles Thompson, Secretary.

Philadelphia, June 25th, 1775.

Captain Lowdon's company organized at Sunbury, marched thence to Reading and Easton, thence through northern part of New Jersey crossed the Hudson at New Windsor a few miles north of West Point, thence through Hartford to Cambridge where it arrived about the 8th of August.

Lowdon's company under Colonel Thompson are described in Thatcher's Military Journal. "Several companies of riflemen have arrived here from Pennsylvania and Maryland, a distance of from five hundred to seven hundred miles. They are remarkable stout and hardy men, many of them exceeding six feet in height. They are dressed in riflemen shirts and round hats. These are remarkable for the accuracy of their aim, striking a mark with certainty at two hundred yards distance. At a review a company of them while on a quick advance fired their balls into objects of seven inch diameter at a distance of 250 yards. The fact of good marksmanship is frequently alluded to in relation to the service of the early Pioneers one of which we will relate to in succeeding pages that occurred May 6th, 1782.

The leading men of the country were realizing the fact that the oppressive enactments of Great Britain were forcing the Colonies to make a decisive stand for liberty therefore they ought to adjust and heal all differences between the inhabitants of the different states as there had been considerable friction between encroachers of Connecticut invading the northern portions of Pennsylvania. The following is a portion of a letter addressed to the captains of the different companies stimulating them to united patriotic effort for liberty.

Philadelphia, August 13th, 1775.

Dear Sir: We hope this letter will find you safe at the head

of your company acting in support and defence of American liberty a glorious cause which must stimulate the breast of every honest and virtuous American and force him with undaunted courage and unabated vigor to oppose those ministerial robbers. We hope the contest will be ended where it began and that the effusion of blood may be providentially prevented, but at the same time we hpoe to see American liberty permanently established to have the honor ere long to serve in her righteous cause, and we are well convinced that these sentiments prevail throughout this Province. You can't conceive what a martial spirit prevails here and in what order we are. Several companies of riflemen are formed in this city and the adjacent counties who are to become experts in shooting. All the coast to Georgia is alarmed prepared to oppose our ministerial enemies. Where then can these British bastards, those servile engines of ministerial power go to steal a few sheep should their folly or madness prompt them to attempt it there would come forth our thousands and tens of thousands with gigantic strides to wash the plains with the blood of those degenerate invaders of the liberties of mankind. We in conjunction with many others presented a memorial to the Congress representing the threatened encroachments of the Conencticut invaders of our Province. It was well received and the Connecticut Delegates and those of this Province were desired to write to their people respectively. Our partiality for the rifle battalion is so great that we are very anxious to hear of their having distinguished themselves in some great enterprise. This partiality is natural and allowable when from one's personal acquaintance with many of their commanders we can and do with martial pride celebrate their distinguished abilities as riflemen and soldiers.

We are with great esteem dear sir, your most humble servants,

Robert Lettis Hooper, Jr.,
Reuben Haines.

CONVENTION OF 1776.

In consequence of a circular letter from the Committee of the City of Liberties of Philadelphia, inclosing the resolution of the Continental Congress of the 15th of May, recommending the

adoption of the State Government in each of the Colonies a provincial conference was held at Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 18th, 1776. This conference met at Carpenters Hall and chose Colonel Thomas McKean, President. It was resolved unanimously that a convention should be called to form a new State Government. Qualifications of an elector were fixed as follows: He must be twenty-one years of age, have lived one year in the Province and paid either a provincial or county tax and further swear that he would no longer bear allegiance to George 3rd and further must swear that he would oppose any measure that would interfere with or obstruct the religious principles or practices of any of the good people of the Province and still further sign a declaration of faith in the Trinity and in the Divine inspiration of the Old and New Testament.

It was determined that each county should have eight Representatives or members, the election for whom should be held on Monday, June 8th, and it passed resolutions to raise four thousand five hundred militia to join a flying camp to consist of ten thousand men in the middle Colonies. The execution of the state laws devolved upon the President and ———— supreme executive Council. This consisted of twelve persons, one for the City of Philadelphia and one from each of the eleven counties into which the Province was then divided.

It appears by contemporary evidence that from July first to August 27th of this year, in 1776 the Indians to the northward, southward and westward prepared for war upon the settlers as a result of the Declaration of Independence, by the Congress at Philadelphia, July 4th of this year, they cut down all their corn and moved off their families and effects leaving only the Susquehanna's in favor of peace. The war-like tribes left very suddenly to join the six nations to assist the British in the war against the Colonies. In a letter dated Paxton, Aug. 29th, 1776, by John Harris, saying that was the last we knew of the Indians as residents of the Valley and our troubles with them began. The committee of safety of Northumberland county put forth every effort toward making a treaty of peace and friendship with the Susquehannas, Senecas and Muncies, but the inhabitants were

too poor and could not produce the required presents and of sufficient value.

Walter Clark and John Kelley were sent to Philadelphia with a petition to the Council of Safety, that they had just grounds to believe that the county would be disturbed by the Indians and that there was not sufficient ammunition in the county for the four battalions already raised. Preparations were now hurried. On the 31st of August, 1776, the field officers for the battalion in Buffalo and Penn's Township were chosen, and the 8th of October commissions were issued to them as fourth battalion of Northumberland county and to the company officers a complete list follows: Colonel, Philip Cole; Lieutenant Colonel, Thomas Sutherland; First Major, Thomas Foster; Second Major, Casper Yost; Standard Bearer, Dewalt Miller; Adjutant, James McCoy.

FIRST COMPANY.

Captain, John Clark; First Lieutenant, Henry Pontius; Second Lieutenant, James Moore; Ensign, Patrick Watson. Four sergants, four corponals, one drummer, one fifer and forty-six privates. Certified by me this 26th day of September, 1776.

John Clark, Captain.

SECOND COMPANY.

Captain, Michael Weaver; First Lieutenant, Thomas Brandon; Second Lieutenant, Alexander Hamilton; Ensign, John Morris; four sergants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer and forty privates. Certified by me this 26 day of September, 1776.

Michael Weaver, Captain.

THIRD COMPANY.

Captain, Jacob Link; First Lieutenant, John Schudder; Second Lieutenant, Peter Jones; Ensign, James Hampton; four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, thirty-eight privates. Certified by me this 26th day of September, 1776.

Jacob Links, Captain.

FOURTH COMPANY.

Captain, William Weirick; First Lieutenant, Jacob Sherred. Second Lieutenant, William Gill; Ensign, Nicholas Moon; four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, forty privates.

The whole of the above as testified by me this 26th day of September, 1776.

Wm. Weirick, Captain.

FIFTH COMPANY.

Captain, George Wolff; First Lieutenant, George Conrad; Second Lieutenant, Michael Wildgoose; Ensign, John Hessler; four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, forty-one privates. The whole of the above as testified by me this 26th day of September, 1776.

George Wolff, Captain.

SIXTH COMPANY.

Captain, John Geo. Overmeier; First Lieutenant, James McCelvey; Second Lieutenant, Peter Weirick; Ensign, Michael Snyder, four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, forty privates. The whole of the above as testified by me this 26th day of September, 1776.

John Geo. Overmeier, Captain.

The battalion went into service immediately and left the valley December 5th. Colonel Bradhead wrote that he used one of these companies to apprehend some of the disaffected and to compel some of the militia of Berks county to march. The battalion did not leave Reading until 3rd of January, 1777, and consequently did not participate at Trenton and Princeton, but was in the subsequent skirmishes. It seems the companies and battalions were not being filled as it was attached to Col. Potter's. Second battalion Lieutenant Colonel, James Murray, Joseph Green assigned as surgeon's mate to Doctor Benjamin Allison. This battalion returned after having served three months and eighteen days.

Northumberland, February 13th, 1777.

The following gentlemen being unanimously chosen by their respective townships to serve in the committee of safety for this county for the ensuing six months, met at the house of Laughlin McCartney in Northumberland and gave in the following returns of their election, finding many who served from the first year:

Augusta Twp.	Bald Eagle Twp.	Turbutt Twp.
Wm. McClay,	Thomas Jordan,	John Flemming,
David McKinney,	John Nelson,	James Hughs,
John McClay.	Josiah Espy.	John Walker.
Mochonoy Twp.	**White Deer Twp.**	**Mahoning Twp.**
George Yeakle,	William Blythe,	William Cook, Esq.,
Henry Zartman,	James McCormick,	Benj. Allison, Esq.,
Henry Krebs.	William Reed.	Thomas Hewet.
Potter Twp.	**Buffalo Twp.**	**Wyoming Twp.**
John Livingston,	John Aurand,	James McClure,
Maurice Davis,	Thomas Sutherland,	Peter Melick,
John McMillan.	John Geo. Overmeier.	John Clingman.
Penn's Twp.	**Muncy Twp.**	
Andrew Moore,	John Coates,	
David Miller,	James Hampton,	
Jacob Hasterman.	William Hammond,	

The committee according to order proceeded to elect their chairman and clerk when Thomas Jordan was unanimously chosen chairman and John Coates, clerk.

Resolved, That this committee be adjourned till Tuesday, the 11th day of March next, when they are to meet at the house of George McCandlish. As not all the members were present at this meeting the committee have ordered the chairman to give notic to said absent members to attend at next meeting. The committee of safety were considered the tribunals or court to settle all differences and disputes between individuals and between the citizens and the Commonwealth as a few of the many cases disposed of by it will be related in the following pages.

All other government at this time seemed inadequate to protect the inhabitants of the newly settled portions of the Province. Complaints were presented by Resolves of a committee or a citizen stating the grievances supported by testimony.

MARCH 11, 1777.

The committee met according to adjournment. Mr. Thomas Jordan in the chair.

Upon complaints being made by a certain Allis Read of Wyoming Twp. that he, the said Read has a horse strayed or stolen from him some time ago and was found in the custody of

a certain John Drake, when said Read repleved the horse and got him and kept him in his possession for about six months and then the widow of said Drake came and took him forcibly out of said Read's stable, he not being at home himself, and now keeps the horse and absolutely refuses to give him up again to the said Read.

Resolved, That Messrs. Thomas Clayton, Robert Robb and Walter Clark, with the assistance of the committe of Wyoming Twp. be a joint committee to meet at the house of James McClure in said township, on Saturday, the 22nd of this inst., March, to hear the complaint and defence of both parties concerning the said horse and that the chairman of this committee issue summons for the evidences of the complainor to attend at said meeting which summons are to be served by the complainor himself as also a summons for the said Widow Drake to attend with the horse and her evidences or reasons if any she have, why the complainor should not have his horse upon proper proofs being made of his being his property, and the aforesaid persons are hereby authorized to judge and determine between both parties and upon proper proofs being made give their final judgment in the matter.

2nd. A certain Captain Jacob Links of Buffalo Township, appealed to this committee in consequence of a resolve of the committee of said township, a copy of which is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That Jacob Links does return several sums of money which a number of the inhabitants of this township did deliver to him for the use of purchasing salt, he was afraid he should suffer loss if he would purchase the salt and a certain evidence did declare that he said he was going on his own business to Philadelphia and he said Links did not bring salt.

Resolve Dated December 21st, 1776 by the committee of Buffalo Township.

(Signed) Wm. Erwin,
Chairman.

In consequence of said appeal Mr. Links was called in before this committee. He said he had evidence but had them not then ready.

Resolved, That Mr. Links appeal be referred till the next meeting of committee and that his evidence be summoned to attend.

3rd. Whereas, Colonel or Captain Benjamin Weiser has made complaint to this committee that a number of persons who had been out under his command in the militia of this county in order to join the Continental army in New Jersey and that the said persons were deserted from him and returned home to this county as the same is more fully expressed in a letter to this committee.

Resolved, That a day of muster be assigned for the said persons to meet and march off to camp and serve out their time allowing them to elest new officers if they had any objections to the old ones, certifying them also that if they neglect to obey this resolve they are to be taken up and committed as deserters.

4th. Whereas, This committee has received a letter from the committee of the township of Bald Eagle, together with a resolve of thir township craving advice before they should carry their resolve into execution of which the following is a copy:

February 26th, 1776.

We the committee of the Township of Bald Eagle, met and as a complaint was made to us by a number of the inhabitants there is a quantity of rye that is going to be carried out of the township for stilling and that there are some of the inhabitants which have not sold their grain as yet, nor will not sell without they get eighteen pence or two shillings per bushel above the highest market price that grain is giving in the county, but will keep it up and carry it off and as it appears to us that a great number of the inhabitants of the township will suffer if such a practice is allowed to go on. Therefore we resolve, that no stiller in this township shall buy any more grain this season for the still or still any more than what he hath already by him. And further we resolve that no grain be carried out of this township till the necessity of the poor is supplied or till the first day of May next, and any persons having grain of any kind to dispose of and will not take the market price at Sunbury, reducting a reasonable carriage or the highest price that it will be there

when the grain is wanted, we allow to seize on it and take it by force and pay them their money.

Given under our hands the day and year above mentioned.

(Signed) John Dickson,
Robert Love,
James Erwin.

Resolved, That the committee of Bald Eagle is the most competent Judges of the circumstances of the people in that township, that therefore the affairs be referred back to them to act as they shall see just cause, but in the meantime that they be cautioned against using too much vigor in their measures and that they keep by moderation as much as possible and study a sort of medium between seizing the property and supplying the wants of the poor. Whereas, Report has been made to this committee of a certain Henry Sterrart,, profaning the Sabbath in an unchristian and scandalous manner causing his servants to haul rails etc., on that day and beating and abusing them if they offered to disobey such his unlawful commands.

Resolved, That the committee of Bald Eagle Township, where he now resides, be recommended to suppress such like practice to the utmost of their power.

Resolved, That this committee be adjourned till Tuesday, the 15th of April next, when it is again to meet at the house of George McCandlish.

APRIL 15TH, 1777.

The committee met according to adjournment. Mr. Thomas Jordan in the chair. Whereas a certain Jacob Driesbach, having disobeyed a summons issued by this committee at their last sitting for him to have compeared at this meeting in the affairs of Jacob Links.

(Signed) Jacob Driesbach.

Captain John Geo. Overmeier, a member of this committee, declareth that he was present when Captain Links agreed with his employers and says he was to have his expenses allowed him whether he got salt or not.

Captain Link compared and produced his account for traveling expenses, which amounted to 5L and 15 schilling, acknowledging

the receipt of 39L's from his employer's part of which he had got in his hands and says he could have got salt, but it being salt that had been already purchased or allotted for the use of this county at large it was not answering his purpose to bring it and there was not other salt he could get to purchase.

Resolved, That Captain Links be authorized to keep the sum of two shillings and eleven pence, half penny out of his employer's money for payment of his expenses as his account appears to this committee to be very moderate.

At this sitting of the committee Wm Read, John and Nicholas Pickard were brought before it as being enemies or untrue to the cause of the American Colonies. Read was first examined, charged with refusing to bear arms in behalf of the States; being asked his reasons for so refusing his answers were, That he was once concerned in a riot in Ireland, was taken prisoner, tried and acquitted by his taking an oath never to lift arms against the King for the future. He therefore looked upon it as a breach of his oath to muster or bear arms in behalf of the States against the King. Being asked if he had any objections to the cause the United States were now engaged in, he said not, and would join if it were not for that oath. Being asked if he would take an oath of allegiance to the United States, he said he would. Accordingly an oath was tendered to him and he swore as follows:

I do swear to be true to the United States of America and do renounce and disclaim all allegiance to the King of Great Britain and promise that I will not either directly or indirectly speak or act anything in prejudice to the cause or safety of the States or lift arms against them or be any way assistant to their declared enemies in any case whatsoever.

(Signed,) William Read.

Whereupon the committee resolved to dismiss him upon his paying the sum of seventeen shillings and one penny, half penny being the cost of bringing him before the committee.

The Pickards were charged with being interested in a dangerous plot of some of the enemies to bring on an Indian war. But upon examination and an oath of allegiance to the United States being proposed to John Pickard and bail for his good behavior he complied with both and produced Casper Read as his

bail, who bound himself in a bond of a hundred pounds for the good and orderly behavior of John Pickard for a year and a day next to come after this date. The oath taken was similar to that taken by William Read.

But upon due deliberation upon the examination of Nicholus Pickard, cousin of John Pickard, the committee are unanimously of opinion that he is an enemy to the States. Therefore, be it resolved, That he be immediately sent from before this committee, to the Supreme Executive Council of this State, to be dealt with as their superior judgment shall direct them, in the case, and that John Coates be the person who shall carry him thither, and that he call as many to his assistance as may be needful.

The committee met at various times and places adjusting all manner of difficulties, a faint idea has been gleaned from the foregoing cases.

The year 1777 was perhaps the most trying to the cause of American liberty. The congress was surrounded with difficulties which would have utterly discouraged men of weaker heads and fainter hearts. They had no power, but to recommend, an exhausted army, to recruit, without money, also almost without credit. On the 26th of September the British entered Philadelphia. On the 11th of December, Washington retired to winter quarters at Valley Forge, which was the climax of gloomy forebodings to the brave commanders and their men.

It becomes every true American to bow his head in reverence when Valley Forge is alluded to as to the winter of 1777 and 78.

The following is a verbatim copy of a receipt for service as surgeon's mate in the battalion that left the Valley December 6th, 1776. Colonels Potter and Cole.

MAY 27TH, 1777.

Received of Capt. John Clarke, the sum of five pounds, and twelve shillings, and nine pence; together with three pounds, seven shillings, and three pence; together with four pounds, seven shillings, bounty and subsistence; being the full pay for a private for three months and eighteen days. I say received by me.

Jos. Green.

Dec. 11th, 1777 occurred the action at Guelph's Mills, near Philadelphia, in which the enemy endeavored to surprise General Potter. The second battalion, under Colonel Murray, was engaged. Timothy Lennington of Northumberland county was wounded. Robert McQuilliams was also wounded and cut to pieces the same evening. Charles Clark, first lieutenant to Captain Taggart's company was wounded in the left arm, had his skull fractuerd. He remained in captivity three years. A report dated Dec. 22nd, 1777, at Camp Montgomery, Philadelphia county, shows that Col. Murray's regiment of Northumberland county was then in Major General John Armstrong's division and numbered two hundred and twenty-six men on the roll.

Beginning of 1778, Thomas Wharton was President of the state. Members of Congress from Northumberland county were Wm. Clingman, Robert Morris, Daniel Roberdeau, Joseph Reed, James Smith and Jonathan B. Smith, Samuel Hunter, lieutenant of the county; John Hambright, member of the council. The following were elected members of Assembly with the number of votes received by each: Samuel Dale, 251; Simon Himrod, 250; James McNight, 247; Robert Martin, 246; John White, 211; Stephen Chambers, 201. From January minutes of council we glean that Joseph Green presented his claim for supplying the militia with provision while on a expedition against the British and Indians and an order for 1600 L's sterling was issued to Colonel Hunter for the same. January 9th, General Potter got leave of absence in consequence of sickness of Mrs. Potter, and Brigadier General Lacey appointed to his command.

Feb. 17th, General Wayne detached Wm. Wilson, Lieut. John Boyd and Capt. George Grant to recruit for the Pennsylvania regiments of Northumberland county. Feb. 20th, Samuel Dale, member-elect, took his seat in the Assembly at Lancaster Notwithstanding the Indian troubles and the great runaway of the inhabitants this year courts were held in February and May. At the latter session John Clark, John Crider, John Geo. Overmeier, Martin Driesbach and Wm. Irwin were appointed viewers on a petition to divide Buffalo township by a line commencing at the mouth of Beaver run, thence a southwesterly course to Sweitzer run. As early as December, 1777, the Indians renewed

their encroachments on the settlers with renewed vigor. In January Colonel Hunter ordered out Col. Cookson Long's battalion as he says he is an excellent good woodsman.

One of the inhabitants had been killed and scalped by eleven Indians, who were pursued and two of them killed. In consequence of these troubles the order for the fifth class of militia to march to join the Continental army was countermanded on the 19th. It will be recollected that the main army was in camp at Valley Forge at this time.

General Lacey with the Northumberland militia was surprised at Crooked Billet(now Hartborough) Montgomery county, but escaped with the loss of his baggage and thirty killed and wounded. Some were butchered in a manner the most brutal savage could not equal even while living, some were thrown into the buckwheat straw and the straw set on fire. On May 4th, John Kelly with part of his battalion was ordered on duty in Penn's Valley. May 8th, Jacob Stanford was killed at his own house in Penn's Valley, his wife, daughter and son were missing. May 17th a few families that were fleeing to Lycoming were attacked by twelve Indians, who killed six and the rest were missing. Three men were killed the same time at Loyal Sock. Twenty persons killed on the North Branch of the Susquehanna, one who was taken prisoner made his escape, says the Indians were determined to clear the valleys and both branches of the Susquehanna this moon. General Potter writes, we have two forts in the valley and are determined to stand as long as we are supported. The people are poor and bread is very high. May 30th. Jacob Morgan wrote, I have just returned from camp at Valley Forge, saw fifteen regiments under arms well disciplined. They performed several maneuvers with the greatest exactness and dispatch under the direction of Baron Steuben. General Washington afterwards reviewed them. May 31st, Col. Hunter wrote, we are in a melancholy condition. The back inhabitants have lett their homes. All above Muncy are at Samuel Wallis's. The people of Muncy township are at Capt. Brady's. All above Lycoming are at Antis Mills. The inhabitants of White Deer township are assembled at three different places. The people of Penn's township are at Potter's. The back settlers of Buffalo township have come down to Capt. Overmeier's at the mouth of

Sweitzer run. Fishing Creek and Mahoning settlements have come to the river side. It is really distressing to see the people flying away and leaving their all. June 2nd the people petitioned the Executive Council to plead with the Congress for relief. June 14th communication between Antis mill and Big Island was cut off. July 3rd occurred the massacre at Wyoming, the news of which was received on the 5th, caused the general stampede of the settlers of the Valley called the great runaway. On the 9th Col. Hunter writes the back settlements are nearly all evacuated and Northumbrland and Sunbury will be the frontiers in less than twenty-four hours. His letter evinces the agony of a strong man, who with all supports taken away, was determined to fall if need be in defence of the charge committed to him. He says nothing but a firm reliance upon Divine Providence and the virtue of our neighbors induces the few to stand that remain in the two towns, and if they are not speedily reinforced they must give way, but will have this consolation that they have stood in defence of their liberty and country as long as they could. In justice to this county, I must bear testimony that the States never applied to it for men in vain. I am sure the State must know that we have reduced oureslves to our present feeble condition by our readiness to turn out upon all occasion when called for, in defence of the common cause. Should we now fall for want of assistance, let the neighboring counties reconcile to themselves, if they can, the breach of brotherly love, charity and every other virtue, which adorns and advances the human species above the brute creation. I will not attempt to point out the particular cruelties or barbarities that have been practiced on our unhappy inhabitants, but assure you that for the number, history affords no instance of more heathenish cruelty, or savage barbarity, than has been exhibited in this county.

July 12th, Mathew Smith wrote from Paxton (now Harrisburg) that he had just arrived at Harris' Ferry, and beheld the greatest scenes of distress he ever saw. It was crowded with people who had come down the river, leaving everything.

Same day, Peter DeHaven wrote from Hummelstown: This day twenty or thirty passed through this town from Buffalo Valley and Sunbury, and the people inform me that there are two hundred wagons on the road coming down. I was at Mr. Elder's

meeting today, and Col. Clark and Col. Rodgers made an appeal to the inhabitants to turn out one hundred volunteers to make a stand.

On the 12th, Wm. Maclay also wrote from Paxton, giving a very graphic picture of the distress saying I left Sunbury and almost my whole property on Wednesday last. I will not trouble you with a recital of the inconveniences I suffered while I brought my family by water to this place. I never in my life saw such scenes of distress. The river and the roads leading down it were covered with men, women and children flying for their lives. In short Northumberland county is broken up. Col. Hunter with some of his captains only remained, using their utmost endeavors to rally the inhabitants to make a stand. I left him with but few, scarcely a hundred men on whom we could depend. Mrs. Hunter came down with me. As he is now disencumbered of his family, I am now convinced that he will do everything that can be expected from a brave and determined man. It was to no purpose that he issued orders for the assembling of the militia. The whole county broke loose. Something in the way of charity ought to be done for the many miserable objects that crowd the banks of the river, especially those who fled from Wyoming. On the 14th, Colonel Hunter again wrote, Sunbury and Northumberland are now the frontiers where a few virtuous and determined inhabitants, and fugitives, seem determined to stand, though doubtful whether tomorrow's sun shall rise on them free-men, captives or in eternity. Also stating that on Sunday morning last, the banks of the Susquehanna from Middletown up to the Blue mountains were entirely clad with the inhabitants of Northumberland county, who had moved off.

Robert Covenhoven describing the scene says his family having arrived at Sunbury he tried to secure some of his furniture with a keel boat, but as I prepared to cross the river from the forts above such a sight I never saw in my life. Boats, canoes, hog-troughs, rafts hastily made of dry sticks, every sort of floating articles had been put in requisition, and were crowded with women, children and goods.

Whenever any obstruction occurred at any shoal or ripple the women would leap out into the water and put their shoulders to the boat or raft and launch it again into deep water. The men

of the settlements came down in single file on each side of the river to guard the women and children. Thus had they fled for their lives, leaving their homes and what little of this world's goods that had been gathered and saved by ardent toil to the savages of the Indians.

At this time occurred the death of John Michael Bashor. Bashor, Michael Weyland, and another person, had loaded Bashor's goods into a boat, and the two pushed the boat from shore to cross the river. Bashor returned to his barn to get his horse and some cattle to drive along down the river, when he was fired upon by a party of Indians in ambush and killed. Weyland and his comrade, who were lying down in the boat rose to fire and Weyland was struck on the hip with a spent ball, the mark of which he carried to his grave. The body of Bashor was buried on the banks of the river and his bloody clothes were preserved in the garret of Martin Bashor's house in Berks county as late as 1820.

Corinuius Michael, an old soldier of the days of Freedrick the Great, emigrated to America prior to the revolution and brought with him two daughters. Mary, the oldest, was sold as to her services, for a term of years, as was the custom in those days, to pay their passage over. While residing with the family that purchased her, Terrance Quinn formed her acquaintance, purchased her unexpired time and married her in 1778. They were living in Dry Valley and had four little children and the other sister, unmarried, was living with them. In the night the Indians entered the Valley for murder and plunder. On receiving the alarm Quinn and family fled in one direction, the unmarried sister of Mrs. Quinn in another. They were thus separated and continued separated for fifty-two years, each one supposing the other had been tomahawked and scalped.

At the end of this long period one of the former's neighbors was traveling in the Mahanoy Valley and was compelled to stay at a farm house on account of inclement weather. While there he fell into conversation about relatives and friends with an old woman who proved to be the grandmother of the house full of children and the mother of John Lechman, the proprietor of the premises. The old lady related she once had a sister, but she had been killed by the Indians in a place called Dry Valley more than fifty years ago. A little more conversation developed who she

was and the joyful information that her visitor was a neighbor of her sister and that she was still alive and lived on Turtle Creek near Lewisburg. The traveler returned and told his story and ere the sun arose the following morning Mary Quinn, though in her ninetieth year, was on her way to see her long lost sister. They met, but not as they parted. Each frame now bent with the weight of years embraced its kindred long mourned as dead. Such a meeting, who can describe it. The sacred pensman of the history of Joseph alone. It was their final meeting, too, they are now where partings are not. In connection with this memorable year the writer begs leave to insert a glimpse of traditional history from Joseph Siebold now (1903) living on the emigrant Obermeyer's homestead where Switzer run empties into Penn's Creek, his father, Philip Seebold, grandson of Obermayer, that his aunt, old Mrs. Fought, often related in his presence. She said they were threshing flax on their place near the road in Dry Valley when the Indians came upon them suddenly. Her baby was near here and she picked it up and ran. Another child that could just run about was back of their little barn. She heard it call, Oh, Mother take me along,too. She looked around and the Indians were too close upon her. She ran the whole way, two miles to Penn's Creek to a house, where the neighbors had gathered. She never heard of her child again, but as there was no indication that it was killed she hoped for its return some day. At night and in the quiet hours of the day the last words of her child, Oh, mother take me along, too, she said rang in her ears long years after. She said the house they took refuge in was surrounded by the Indians. They suffered greatly from thirst and a man named Peter Smith said he would have water if he died for it. They allowed him to go out and as he turned the corner of the house, they heard the crack of a rifle and he fell dead. The next day the Indians withdrew and they embarked in canoes and went down Penn's Creek. Near the river they entered a house and found no one about but a baby sat propped up in a cradle. On close inspection she found it was dead and the marks of the tomahawk.

Many actions equally heart rending could be gleaned from tradition and recorded history of this run away, but the writer

must pass on by noting but a few closely related to the subject of these pages.

On the 16th of July, Colonels Broadhead and Hartley dispatched some of their men in to the valley to recall and support the militia of the country. By the 24th the settlers began to return to harvest their crops. General Potter was ordered to station the militia. They were stationed through the valley to protect the reapers while cutting the harvest. James Brady with four men of the regiment and three of the militia were guarding fourteen reapers and cradlers who went to cut the grain of Peter Smith, who had his wife and four children killed by the Indians. Four cradlers worked by themselves near the house, the reapers somewhat distant. The reapers, except Brady, placed their guns around a tree. Brady thought this wrong and put his at some distance from the rest. The morning was foggy and an hour after sunrise the sentry and reapers were surprised by about thirty Indians under cover of the fog.

The sentry retired towards the reapers. They in turn also fell back. Brady ran towards his rifle and was pursued by three Indians and within a few rods of it was wounded. He ran for some distance and then fell. He received another wound with a spear, was tomahawked and scalped in an instant. The sentry fired, but was shot down, also a militia man. Brady was an exceeding fine young man. Soon after the savages left he arose and came to the house. Jerome Vannes ventured to remain with him, the others all fled. Brady wanted Vannes to leave him, but he would not do it. He assisted him to the river, where he drank a great deal of water. Captain Walker and party came up from the fort. They made a bier and carried him to Sunbury, where his mother then was. On the way he became delirious and drank large quantities of water. It was late at night when they got there and they did not intend to arouse his mother. But she had fears that something had happened, and met them at the river. He was a fearful looking object and the meeting with his mother was heart rending. He lived five days, the first four being delirious, but on the fifth his reason returned and he related the whole circumstance distinctly, then passed away. He said Bald Eagle was one of his murderers, who was afterwards followed and killed by Samuel Brady, on the Allegheny. He was buried at

Augusta, now Sunbury, but his grave, with that of many others, has long since been plowed over.

In the fall of this year as a party of settlers were leaving Fort Freeland they were fired at by the British and Indians and Mrs. Dunham's infant was killed in her arms. They scalped her and when the men came there she raised up and asked for a drink of water. Elias Williams ran to the river and brought his hat full. They put her in a canoe and took her to Northumberland, where Dr. Plunket dressed her wounds, and she lived for fifty years afterwards. After the death of Thomas Wharton, which occurred at Lancaster on the 23rd of May, 1778, Joseph Reed was President of the state and so remained until the election of William Moore in 1782. By 1779, many of the settlers had again returned but were constantly annoyed by the marauding Indians and British red coats. In May, John Sample and wife were killed, and by June many had again left the Valley, the few that remained were assembled in small bodies at the forts and very little farming was being done. The few spirited men that remained were guarding the women and children at the different posts they were assembled at. June 23rd, Captain Samuel Brady killed Bald Eagle, a notorious warrior of the Muncy tribe. July 8th, widow Smith's mills were burned and one man killed, in White Deer township. July 17th, Starret's mill and all the principle houses in Muncy township were burned. July 20th three men were killed at Fort Freeland. The 28th at daybreak Jacob Freeland, senior, was shot as he was going out of the gate and fell inside. The fort was surrounded by British and Indians. There were twenty-one men in it, and very little ammunition. Mary Kirk and Phoebe Vincent commenced immediately and melted all their spoons and plates and ran them into bullets. When the firing was heard at Boone's mill, seven miles off, Capt. Hawkins Boone, Hemplin and Daugherty marched to relief with thirty-four men but before they reached the fort were engaged.

Kemplin, who observed the first Indian, shot him dead. Our men fought with great bravery, but were overpowered and fifteen were killed, and two wounded Among the dead, Captain Boone and Capt. Samuel Daugherty, two very good men. Before noon the white flag was raised and John Lytle and John Vincent went out to capitulate. It was finally agreed that all who could bear

arms should be made prisoners. The old men, with the women and children to be set free, and the fort given to plunder. The latter left the fort at twelve. Not one ate a bite that day, and not a child was heard to say or ask for bread. They reached Northumberland, eighteen miles distant, that night. Of Boone's party, Samuel Brady, James Daugherty and James Hammond made their escape. Daniel Vincent had been recently married, and after his capture, his wife returned to New Jersey. For four years she heard nothing of him. One evening, when she was out with a sleighing party, a roughly dressed man stopped at the tavern, where they were and inquired if a Mrs. Vincent lived near there. She was pointed out to him and he told her he had met her husband in Canada. He rode home in the same sleigh and was disposed to take her upon his lap. She declined the favor until she discovered the impertinent stranger was her husband (see Maginness, Page 257, etc.)

The depreciation of continental money became excessive by this time, a ream of paper cost 75 pounds, the price of wheat had raised from fifteen to twenty pounds sterling per bushel, cassimere three hundred, jean and habit cloth sixty dollars per yard.

During 1780 little farming was done and the Indians' depridations continued, but their numbers seemed greatly reduced. David Couples, George Etzweiler, Patrick Watson, Baltzer Klinesmith and others were killed during this year.

April 2nd, Wm. Maclay wrote to President Reed from Sunbury. There is great distress prevailing in this country, there are a great many Indians lodged at the head of Fishing and Muncy creeks. We are not strong enough to spare men to dislodge them. On the same day Colonel Samuel Hunter wrote, the savages have made their appearance again on the frontiers in a hostile manner. Day before yesterday they took seven or eight prisoners. We have not men at present to pursue them with safety as our county is quite drained of our best men. April 8th a party of Indians made a descent on the settlers of White Deer creek and scalped David Couples and two of the children and took his wife prisoner. On the 16th made a stroke on Jacob Grozong's mill and killed four, who were brought over and buried in the graveyard on the old Obermayer homestead near where Switzer run empties into Penn's Creek, which was probably the oldest graveyard in

the county and was not used after 1791, when the people commenced burying in New Berlin. June 16th, a Mr. Allen and three children were killed, the woman escaped across the creek and looking back saw an Indian dash the brains out of the small child against a tree. July 11th Baltzer Klinesmith was killed, the two daughters, Elizabeth and Catherine, were taken along.

They made their way to the spring north of New Berlin where they left the girls in charge of an old man of their party and went further down Dry Valley. After a little while it began to rain and the Indian motioned the girls to gather brush to cover the flour bag they had with them. He laid down under a tree with the tomahawk under his head. The girls in passing with brush worked it gradually from under him as he dozed. Elizabeth picked up the tomahawk and made a motion to her sister to run. She then sank it into the old man's head. He yelled fearfully and the girls ran. By this time the Indians were on their return and heard the old man yell. They pursued the girls and fired on Catherine just as she was springing over a fallen tree, the ball entered below the right shoulder blade and came out at her side. She had the scars until her dying day as large as a half dollar. She rolled herself under the tree and the Indians passed over her in pursuit of the sister. Elizabeth being active, reached Beatty's harvest field. The men ran to their rifles and pursued the Indians. When they came near Catherine, one of the men, supposing her an Indian in ambush, was about firing when she waved her apron. They found her much weakened from loss of blood but she soon recovered.

Klinesmith's widow drew pension as late as 1819. Elizabeth married John Boal and was still living in 1813 somewhere in the west. Katy, as she was called, first married Daniel Campbell, a revolutionary soldier, had with him two children, then he died. Next she married Robert Chambres by whom she had one child. Notwithstanding her wound she survived two husbands.

In March, 1781, Captain James Thompson was captured by four Indians. Matthew Young, who lived on Spruce Run, was killed and his daughter, Mary, taken a prisoner. Thompson made his escape and got to his friends at Watsontown so near dead by hunger and exposure that his life was first despaired of, but regained his strength, health and activity, died near Jersey shore

Feb. 9th, 1837, aged ninety-three years, nine months and nine days. Mary Young was sent to Montreal and sold. She remained there until after the war and then returned to her friends in Buffalo Valley. Captain Thomas Kempling and his oldest son were killed by the Indians at the mouth of Muncy Creek some time in March, about the same time John Shively was captured by the Indians in the meadow in the rear of Esquire Lincoln's house. He was never heard of afterwards. He left a widow and two sons, Christian and Frederick. George Rote and sister Rody, aged twelve and fourteen, were taken at Mifflinsburg. They were separated and carried away. When peace was proclaimed they were liberated and came back together. Jacob and Conrad Caderman were captured the same time. Jacob said he liked Indian life so well that he would have remained among them but for his wife and children. Conrad played stupid and did all the mischief he could. They got tired of him and sold him to the British for five gallons of whiskey. They both returned and lived long in the Valley. On the 15th of November, 1779, David Emerick settled on the Jocab Seebold farm below New Berlin. In April following Henry Bickel, who lived near him, came to help him to pile logs to burn for clearing. The Indians came upon them, shot Bickel. His family was not disturbed. They plundered Emerick's house of everything and loaded him down with baggage. After proceeding a little way they pulled down a sapling, sharpened the end of it and impaled the babe on it and let it fly in the air. Emerick became so exhausted with his load that he sat down upon a log and refused to go any further. One of the Indians sank his tomahawk into his head and killed him. One of the daughters died from excessive bleeding at the nose on the journey through the wilderness. The wife and other daughter were taken to Niagara and afterwards married Indians, their captors.

Mrs. Emerick and her Indian husband many years after came back near Harrisburg to draw some money coming to her from her grandfather's estate. Mr. Shell, a nephew of Mrs. Emerick, said she was infatuated with the Indian style of life and endeavored to persuade some of her female relatives to go off with them. They came in grand style, on horseback, Mrs. Emerick decorated with all the tinsel of Indian dress.

During 1781 the first battalion of Northumberland county, commanded by Colonel Kelley, was composed of the following companies:

1st Company, Captain John Foster, officers and privates, men, 55.

2nd Company, Captain James Thompson, officers and privates, men, 44

3rd Company, Captain John Geo. Overmeier, officers and privates, men, 51.

4th Company, Captain Samuel Fisher, officers and privates, men, 55.

5th Company, Captain Samuel Young, officers and privates, men, 51.

6th Company, Captain Abraham Piatt, officers and privates, men, 53.

7th Company, Captain William Irvine, officers and privates, men, 53.

8th Company, Captain William Gray, officers and privates, men, 44.

July 18th Colonel Hunter wrote, the Indians have again made their appearance, that there were no stores of any kind and that the above named officers and men had no pay for the last seven months service.

August 3rd Walter Clark and William Antes, County Commissioners, wrote with pain and with the utmost truth, we are obliged to declare that we cannot comply with the law passed for supplies. The whole personal property of the county, even if removed to a place where cash could be paid for it, would not pay the tax. The clearings are grown up, the buildings burned or destroyed and the most of the personal property moved into the lower counties.

In 1782 William Moore was president of the state. The Indian outrages commenced early this year. May 6th Edward Tate, a private in Captain George Overmeier's company, was wounded by a ball through the foot in an engagement with the Indians which occurred on a place then occupied by Frederick Wise (now in Limestone township).

A number of the company were on a scout, and talking at the time about the merits of their respective guns. One said he

could shoot the drop from an Indian's nose. Just at that moment the Indians, who were in ambush, fired upon them and several fell. Tate, who was wounded, ran and concealed himself. An Indian in pursuit, came near to where he lay and looked over the fence, but did not discover him. Philip Seebold often related to his son, Joseph, that his grandmother, Mrs. Overmeier, said the two men killed were Sergeants Lee and Reyner. Their bodies were brought to Captain Overmeier's and she washed them and they were buried in the graveyard at Switzer's Run, near the Overmeier homestead, being the old cemetery previously alluded to in these pages. Captain Overmeier was with his men in pursuit of the Indians. On the 25th of August a party of Indians, supposed to be sixty or seventy in number, attacked Major Lee's family. Lee was tomahawked and scalped, and a man named John Walker shared the same fate. Mrs. Lee, with a small child, and a boy named Thomas, were led away captives. One of Lee's sons, Robert, returning at that time, saw the Indians leaving, fled to Northumberland and gave the alarm. A party was organized by Colonel Hunter and started in pursuit. In crossing the mountains Mrs. Lee was bitten by a rattlesnake and her leg became so much swollen she traveled with great difficulty. The Indians knowing they were pursued urged her on as rapidly as possible, but her strength failed, and she sat down. An Indian slipped up behind her, placed the muzzle of his rifle to her ear, and blew off the upper portion of her head. Another of them seized her little child by the heels and dashed it against a tree. They then fled. When Colonel Hunter came up Mrs. Lee was yet warm and the child, but little injured, was moaning piteously. Mrs. Lee was buried where she died and the little child brought back and grew to womanhood.

Young Thomas Lee was not recovered for many years afterwards. His brother made arrangements with the Indians to bring him to Tioga (Athens now), where he was delivered to his friends. Such was his love of Indian life that they were obliged to tie him and place him in a canoe to bring him home. When near Wilkesbarre they untied him, but as the canoe touched the shore he was out and off like a deer. They caught him, however, and on arriving at Northumberland, he evinced all the sullenness of a captive. Boys and girls played about him for several days

before he showed any disposition to join them. At last he began to inquire the names of things, by degrees he became civilized and obtained a good education. (Meginness, page 276).

In 1783 His Excellency John Dickinson was president of the state of Pennsylvania. Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals: John Dickinson, Samuel Miles and Henry Wyncoop; Prothonotary, Edward Burd; Councillor, John Boyd; members of Assembly, William Maclay, James McClenachan and William Cook; President Justice, William Montgomery; County Commissioner, John Clarke; County Treasurer, Frederick Antes; Collector of Excise, William Wilson.

Officers of Buffalo township: Constable, Ludwig Derr; Supervisors, Jacob Dreisbach and John Deballon; Overseers, John George Overmeier and Alexander McGrady. New additional settlers to Buffalo township for this year were Andrew and Thomas Foster, John Garrett, Andrew Greenhoe, James Gibson, John Gray, Richard Grosvenor, Jacob Gunner, John Hart, Samuel Harmon, Isaac Hanna, Alexander Kennedy, Geo. Knox, Michael Lincoln, Geo. May, John MacPherson, Christian Spangler, John Thompson Jr., and Geo. Troxell.

After the surrender of Cornwallis, Oct. 19th, 1781, some of the soldiers in the field were permitted to return to their homes on the frontier, so as to protect the settlers against the Indians, as most of the effective men had joined the army against the British soldiers. The valley frontier was at the mercy of the tomahawk and scalping knife of their Indian allies, so much so that application was made to General Washington for regular troops to protect the frontier. Not being in a condition to spare any troops at that time he ordered home Captains John Brady, Boon and Overmeier, and Lieutenants John and Samuel Dougherty to use their influence in inducing the people to sustain themselves until he could afford them other relief. And nobly did they execute their orders. All that brave and experienced men could do was done by them, even to sacrificing their lives in defense of their country, for in less than two years from that date Captains Brady and Boone, and Lieutenant Samuel Dougherty, had fallen by the hands of the savages.

The celebrated thief, Joseph Disbury, was tried before a court and jury in the valley in 1784. His sentence was severe.

He was "to receive thirty-nine lashes, between the hours of eight and nine tomorrow; to stand in the pillory one hour; have his ears cut off and nailed to the post; that he be imprisoned three months and pay a fine of £30 to the president of the state for the use of the government." (See his history in Meginness). The foregoing reminiscences were mostly related to give coming generations, who may chance to read these pages, an idea of what the early settlers did for the present and future generations.

The writer now wishes to return to the private or family history of the principal subject of this volume, as sufficient incidents of the history of our country and the early trials of its settlers, interwoven with the public services of the emigrant, John George Overmeier, to this date, alludes to but a small portion of his services to his adopted country, his family and his neighbors.

Some time during the year 1753 said emigrant was married to Eva Rosenbaum, in Paxton township, now Dauphin county, near Harrisburg, Pa. In December, 1759, his wife, Eva, died, leaving him one son, John George, and three daughters, Catharine, Margratha and Sussannah, the latter an infant.

In 1760 he married Barbara Foucht, residing at Paxton until the close of 1770, as his name appears on the assessment list of that place the last time that year. Then from history and tradition we learn that he, with many of his neighbors, desired to avail himself of the opportunity of securing for himself and family a portion of the public domain, or wilderness as it was then called, lying north of Paxton. This land could be secured for a small sum with the assent of the proprietors and the cost of the survey and records of the same, the usual rate being £5 per hundred and one penny per acre, each three hundred acres to have at least one family within two years from the time of the survey. The first surveys of the valleys were made in 1769. Many of the settlers of Paxton moved north during the following year and he joined with them. By this time they had had eleven children, some of whom had died. He located on Sweitzer's Run, near the place where it empties into Penn's Creek, his oldest son, John George, being now about 15 years old and his second son, or fifth child, about 9.

In the writer's estimation the location was well taken, drained by Sweitzer's Run and Penn's Creek lay a nice body of fine land

with a nice location for the old homestead, situated near the outlet of the Run where the present road from New Berlin west forks, the right hand road leading to Center County and Bellefonte, the left to Lewistown and Middleburg, the present county seat of Snyder county. On the south side of the fork, on the east bank of said Sweitzer's Run, the writer was shown the identical spot where stood the old Overmeier fort built by the settlers for a place of safety during those troublesome times with the Indians. Captain Overmier's dwelling was built strong, of hewn logs, but when the settlers increased there was not sufficient room for all who would rally together on signals of danger, so the settlers joined and erected the above named fort. His estate is now (1903) divided into four farms. The northwest portion, sixty-three acres, is now owned by Abraham Sassman. The next, just south of this sixty acres, owned by Joseph Seabold, great great grandson of emigrant Overmeier. The next south, fifty and one-half acres, being the residence of the emigrant, also owned by Joseph Seabold, but deeded by will to his son, Scott Seabold. On the southwest side of Sweitzer's Run to Penn's Creek are one hundred and thirty acres, also a part of the old Overmier farm, now owned by Philip Seabold. The several pieces have long since been re-surveyed by metes and bounds and contain in all three hundred and three and one-half acres of good land. The fifty and one-half acres deeded by Joseph Seabold's will to Scott Seabold, his son, contain the site of the old fort and residence of the emigrant Overmyer. This narration was given to the writer on Oct. 11th, 1902, by Joseph Seabold, 84 years of age, grandson of Philip Seabold, grandson of emigrant John George Overmyer.

"The size of the old Overmyer homestead was 30 by 30 feet, two stories high, built of nice hewn white pine logs a foot thick and many of them nearly two feet wide. There was a porch all along the south side facing the road running to New Berlin. There was a cellar under only a half of the house, the cellar wall having an arch in it at the northeast corner and through it bubbled the waters of a spring called Silver Spring, which flowed diagonally across the cellar to the southwest corner and discharged into Sweitzer's Run. On the right side of this Run lay the bodies of George Etzweiler, John Lee and James Raynor, who were killed by the Indians, May 6, 1772, and their

bodies bathed there and prepared for burial by Mrs Overmyer and others and buried on the bank of Penns Creek near the Overmyer residence, their graves being marked by stones brought up from the edge of the creek. (See cut).

The hinges on the doors and window shutters of the Overmyer dwelling were made by blacksmith and extended across the doors and shutters and were fastened with rivets through the boards. Shade marks were made on the window sill to show when it was noon. I bought this farm of my father, Christopher Seabolt, Jr., (who was a great grandson of the first owner, John George Overmeyer), and moved onto it in 1844. This was then in Buffalo township, but in 1792 the township was divided and this part was called East Buffalo, and a new township was formed and called Limestone township of Union county, which contains the farm now. In 1861 it became necessary to repair the old house or build a new one. My brother and father advised me to repair the old house, saying it was too good to tear down, and I once so decided, but later there was a public sale near New Berlin where a large quantity of brick were sold, and I bought those at a low price and then decided to build a new house of brick. The hewn logs of the old house made more lumber than was required for the new one."

In examining the deeds in possesion of Joseph Seabold the facts were disclosed that the old farm was sold and deeded to Jacob Kline on the 4th day of April, 1810, by John George and John Michael Overmyer, executors of the last will and testament of their father, John George Overmyer, Sr., and was described by metes and bounds. "And said Jacob Kline and wife did, on the 3rd day of April, 1833, sell to Jacob Greenhoe, and said Greenhoe and wife sold on the 1st day of April, 1839, to Philip Seabold, grandson of the first owner, John George Overmyer, Sr." Philip Seabold and wife Margaret, sold to their son Christopher Seabold, Jr., on the 1st day of December, 1843, and on the 30th day of April, 1844, said Christopher Seabold, Jr. sold to his son Joseph Seabold, a great-great-grandson of the first owner, who still owns it, but has deeded fifty and one-half acres, containing the old Overmyer homestead, by will to his son, Scott Seabold.

The assessment list of 1796 of East Buffalo, contains the names of John George Overmyer, Sr., John George Overmyer,

Jr., John Peter Overmyer, with one hundred and eighty-seven others as citizens and taxpayers of the township, and John Michael Overmyer's name is on the taxpayers list of Longstown (now New Berlin), of the same year and the name of Philip Overmyer is on the list of 1800. Thus we find that four of the sons of the emigrant were enrolled with him as taxpayers previous to the year 1800.

A short recapitulation of the events in the life of John George Obermeyer follows: Born in Blankenloch, Baden, in 1727; emigrated to America in 1751; married Eva Rosenbaum in 1753; after her death, married Barbara Foucht, in 1760; served as one of the first grand jurors of Northumberland county, Penn., in 1772; was with his family clearing a farm on Sweitzer's Run and Penn's Creek in 1775; at the head of a company of volunteers against the Indians, and later the British, in 1776-77, serving on the committee of safety for his county in 1778; organizing and leading squads of men in protecting the frontier settlements from 1779 to '83; then elected one of the overseers of Northumberland county, serving up to 1796; from that time he lead a retired life on his farm, spending his remaining days with his family; died September 22, 1805, leaving a wife and twelve children living, three, Margaret, Susannah and Jonas having died. To Jacob he left his rifle and shot pouch, and to George his sword which he had carried through the Revolution. His life of 77 years, 10 months and 25 days had been well spent. Coming to Buffalo Valley as one of the first settlers he suffered all the hardships and privations which are inseparable from the life of the first settlers of a new country. He was tall, vigorous, bony yet muscular, with his body so inured to labor as to be almost insensible to fatigue, and a mind so accustomed to dangers that dangers ceased to alarm. In the prime of manhood and in the vigor of health, with intelligence to understand correct principles and the firmness to adhere to them, it may well be supposed that he took a commanding position among his fellows. He was a captain against the French and Indians, and when his country called for her sons to release her from the odious British tyranny, he was ready. At the darkest period of the Revolutionary war, when all was lost but honor and hope and when hope was almost buried in despair, he was in Colonel Potter's second battalion under

Lieut.-Col. Murray. They left Reading on January 3, 1777, and on the 8th joined Washington at Morristown and assisted in gaining possession of Newark, Woodbridge, Elizabethtown, and indeed, of all the enemy's posts in New Jersey, except New Brunswick and Amboy, and then retired to secure winter quarters at Morristown. When we consider the depression of the public spirits, how the confidence of the public in the final success of the cause was shaken during the following winter at Valley Forge, and that at one time the American army numbered less than two thousand effective men, we would not think it astonishing if all had been given up for lost, as it no doubt would have been if there had been less at stake but our grand-sires thought that they had no right to abandon the cause of liberty. They were determined to protect it for themselves and their posterity. They were to decide whether their children should be slaves or whether free institutions should prevail throughout the land. It was a time to test the vigor of body as well as the firmness of mind. For three days at one time, there was no regular service of provisions and for more than thirty-six hours at another time they were constantly on the march or in action without a moment of sleep or rest. He also obeyed the injunction, "Be given to hospitality." There were few who had not experienced the cordial welcome which every friend received at his house. It is true that so general was the hospitality in his time, that the want of it would have been considered a great vice. Thus we have learned that our venerable grand-sire performed well his domestic, social, military and political duties in such a manner as to entitle him to the love and esteem of his neighbors, and to the thanks and honor of his posterity and countrymen. It may be asked, "Could a man perform all these duties and omit to regard his obligations to his Maker?" Gladly we can answer, "No." He did not lack this crowning virtue. He was a sincere and exemplary Christian, having been dedicated to the Savior in infancy by his christian parents. In his declining days he rejoiced that his family had been by him likewise dedicated and pointed to the church of the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world. His mortal remains rest 'neath the sod on the banks of Penn's Creek, and his soul returned to the Maker who gave it

CHAPTER II.

LINE OF JOHN GEORGE, first son of the Emigrant John George Obermayer who was born in Pennsylvania in 1755.

John Geo., first son of John George Overmyer, the emigrant, was the first child born to our illustrous forefather and his wife, Eve Rosenbaum, and has therefore the distinction of being the first Overmyer born on American soil, and breathing the air of his native country, during his entire life. He first saw daylight and American sunshine on the morning of June 3, 1755, in the humble home of his parents, in Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. The year of his birth is a noted date in American History, and especially in the history of his native colony, for that year, and almost within the immediate neighborhood of the Overmyer home, the British General Braddock, was defeated and slain by the Indians, who joined the French in their final but vain struggle to retain a permanent foothold on the American continent; and before the close of the struggle, we find that the father of our subject had also joined the colonial troops, in assisting the British to make this continent the home of an English speaking race, instead of an appendage of France. He enjoyed practically no advantage to acquire an education, but early learned to labor on his father's farm and no doubt shared the hardships of the undeveloped country, as well as the cruel effects of war by which the community in which he lived was more or less affected from the time of his birth until the close of the Revolution in 1783. His father having served as a soldier in both the French and Indian war and he in the Revolution, and his mother having died while he was still in his youth, he no doubt experienced many difficulties, incident to pioneer life, and when he had grown to manhood he married Maria Rearick. She was born in 1754. They lived in Pennsylvania and engaged in farming until he died and was buried near the place of his birth. In 1811 his widow and their children moved from Penna to Perry County, Ohio, where she spent

the remainder of her life with her children, and when she died, was buried at New Reading, Perry Co., O.

They had children:

Peter, born Nov. 14, 1794.
George, died in childhood.
Barbara, married Peter Dittoe, died in Perry Co., O.
Sarah, born Jan. 25, 1801, married Peter Strohl.
Margaret married Enos Cochran.
Jacob, born 1806, married MaryWeaver.
Maria, married Mr. Mulholland, died at West Liberty, O.

PETER (John George, J. G.,) first son of John George and Maria (Rearick) Overmyer, was born in Union Co., Pa., Nov. 14, 1794, Peter, though born after the Revolution, had few, if any more advantages, in acquiring an education than his father had had; for the country was new, and unimproved, children were assisting their parents in the clearing and fencing of their farms, and in tilling the soil, and about all the education they received was what was given them by their parents at the fireside, from the few books they might posses. His father died when Peter was about 16 years old, and being the oldest of the children, much of the responsibility in the family devolved upon him. In 1811, when Peter was 17 years of age, he and his widowed mother and younger brothers and sisters emigrated from Pennsylvania to Perry Co., Ohio. Here he grew to manhood, and married Mary Hodge, a native of New Jersey. They lived in Perry Co., O., and followed farming until in the autumn of 1833, when they moved with their family, of six children (two having died) to Sandusky Co., O., locating on a tract of land in Section 11, of Washington township, on the banks of Big Mud Creek, which land he purchased from the government and which remained their homestead and the undivided propetry of their children until the summer of 1901, when they sold it to George Richards, who now resides there, in the southern part of the corporation of Lindsay. Upon this tract, then an unbroken forest, he settled with his family, and erected a log cabin, one and one-half stories high, of round logs, with clap-board roof, held on by weight poles on either side, using probably not an iron nail in the entire structure. The floor was

what was known as a "puncheon floor" which was later replaced by a floor of wide boards, pinned to cross-logs or joice with wooden pins instead of nails. In the corner was a rude ladder fastened to the wall, which led to the children's bed-chamber above which was simply a garret with no windows and no ceiling, save the clap-board roof, through which the drifting snows frequently blew, covering children's beds, floor and all with a blanket of purest white. In this humble and peaceful home, the family lived, the children grew strong and robust, aiding their parents in clearing a farm and rearing a home. Another son had been born into the family, when the wife and mother of the home was separated from them by the hand of death. They had:

Isaac, born May 19th, 1819.

Sarah, born May 18th, 1822.

William, born May 19th, 1826.

Emanuel, died in childhood.

Joel, died in childhood; fell into a kettle of boiling salt, in Perry Co., O.

Ezekiel, born June 11th, 1829.

Elizabeth.

Levi, born July 4th, 1834.

Their children were all born in Perry Co., O., excepting Levi, Emanuel and Joel, died and were buried there. It was a custom among the early settlers of Perry county to get salt water at the salt springs in that locality and boil it in a large kettle or pan to evaporate the water and thus obtain salt, for family use, and it was into one of these kettles that Joel, when a child, fell and was scalded to death. Peter Overmyer was married to his second wife July 9th, 1837, by Rev. Jacob Bowlus. Her name was Mary P. Shively, born Aug. 24th, 1818, near Weirickstown, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Mary (Saunders) Shively. They continued farming; erected new and better buildings, sent their children to school whenever possible, first to Hessville, or Black Swamp school and later to the Paul Fought school. Peter frequently drilled in battalion drill on muster day, both in Perry Co., and at Hessville, O., and fired "Old Betsy Croghan" on some of these latter occasions. He formerly belonged to the Democratic party, but later became

a Republican. He never aspired to political office. He died Dec. 28th, 1862, and is buried by the side of his first wife in the old cemetery at Lindsey. His second wife, known as "Aunt Polly," lived on the old homestead with their youngest son, Chauncey, until she had nearly reached four score years. She died June 19th, 1898 and is buried in the new cemetery at Lindsey. They had:

Catharine, born July 7th, 1838.
Maria, born March 20th, 1840.
Mary J., born June 7th, 1841.
Henry H., born Dec. 2nd, 1842.
Thomas J., born June 25, 1845.
Clara Isabel, born Dec. 4th, 1848.
Eliza Ellen, born Sept. 6th, 1851.
Lucy A., born April 6th, 1854.
Emma F., born Oct. 18th, 1857.
Chauncey A., born March 9th, 1860.

ISAAC (Peter; George; J. G.), son of Peter and Mary (Hodge) Overmyer, was born May 9th, 1819, in Perry Co., O. He emigrated from there to Sandusky county with his parents when he was 14 years old.

He therefore had but little educational advantages, but learned, in his youth, to swing his axe and do all manner of manual labor necessary in subduing the forests of the Black Swamp. This he learned so well that nearly forty years after his death, an old acquaintance of his in Indiana, said to the writer: "Isaac was the best chopper in this section of the country." Isaac worked for his father, and among the neighbors, until his mariage. He married Elizabeth Overmyer, born April 23rd, 1822, daughter of Geo. L. and Mary (Bowman) Overmyer. They lived in Sandusky county for some time after marriage, and in 1853 they emigrated to Pulaski county, Ind. In company with John Overmyer and John Anderson and their families, they moved to their new homes with several yoke of oxen and a team of horses, driving their cattle and sheep with them, making the journey in less than two weeks. Isaac settled on a tract of land about five miles east of Winamac, Ind., and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred Jan. 7th,

1864. He is buried in Pleasant Hill cemetery about seven miles east of Winamac, Ind. (For sketch of his wife, see family of Geo. L., in line of John M. J. G.)

SARAH (Peter; George; J. G.), born in Perry county, O., March 18, 1822, and came to Sandusky county with her parents in 1833. She married Henry Bauman at Fremont, O., in 1853. He was born in Switzerland, August 30th, 1811, and came to America when about 21 years of age, and worked at Philadelphia, Pa., on the Schuylkill canal. About 1840, he came to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), where he worked for a Mr. Canfield, who kept a tavern on the west side of the river. Later, Mr. Bauman and John Stuber bought the "American House," and were in partnership about two years; then Mr. Bauman bought a tavern on the east side of the river, of a Mr. Melius, and about 1853, removed the old structure and built on its site what is now known as the "Commercial House," then called the "Tell House." Here he remained until 1855, when he sold out to Jacob Hocke, and bought a farm of 40 acres in Section 15, Ballville Twp., where they moved, and resided the remainder of their lives. They were members of the Refromed church, and he a Democrat. He died Jan. 27th, 1885, and she lived with her son, Frank M., until her death, Sept. 26, 1889. They are both buried in Oakwood cemetery, Fremont, O. They had: Mary Louisa, born Aug. 23rd, 1854, died Mar. 7th, 1890; Henry, died in childhood; Frank M., born April 27th, 1857, married Mar. 28th, 1890, Hattie A. Babione. They reside on the farm in Ballville twp., and have two children, Wayne, born Mar. 18th, 1891, and Gertrude, born Nov. 3rd, 1894.

WILLIAM (Peter; George; J. G.), second son and third child of Peter and Mary Overmyer, born in Perry county, O., May 19th, 1826, and when 7 years old moved to Sandusky county with his parents, where he grew to manhood and married, Mar. 21st, 1850, Mary Catherine Ernsberger, born Dec. 18th, 1834. The first three years of their married life they resided just east of Fremont, O., and in Sept., 1853, moved to Pulaski county, Ind., going by rail as far as Mishawaka, thence by wagon to

the tract of land of 160 acres, which he obtained from the government. Here they settled and built a home and improved their farm, afterwards purchasing 80 acres more. About this time the health of the wife and mother began to fail, and after a lingering illness of eight years duration, she died Aug. 5th, 1876, and was buried in Pleasant Hill cemetery, about seven miles east of Winamac, Ind. They had:

Mary A., born Oct. 29th, 1853.
William L., born Sept. 5th, 1856.
Lucy A., died in childhood.
Fannie B., born Oct. 10th, 1862.
Grant, born Feb. 21st, 1864; died Nov. 27th, 1870.
Frank P., born Jan. 13th, 1869.
Granville, died in youth.
Ida M., born Jan. 7th, 1871.
Georgiana, born Sept. 23rd, 1873.

William Overmyer married for his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Smith) Bowersox, of Woodville, O., relict of Levi Bowersox. To this union were born:

Estella, died in infancy.
Infant, died.
Eugene.

In 1879, William sold his farm in Pulaski county, and bought 210 acres in Marshall county, near Marmont (now Culver). Here ,in 1881 the hand of death again entered his home, and took from him his second wife. Having found both of his fromer wives in Sandusky county, he again tunred his attention thither, and in Nov., 1882, married Mrs. Libbie (Snyder) Gaumel, of Lindsey, O. He continued to reside on his farm, which he had well improved, by this time, an industrious and respected citizen, until the time of his death, Dec. 21st, 1892. He is buried in the Voreis cemetery, one-half mile from where he lived. He was a member of the U. B. church for 38 years; was Justice of the Peace for Pulaski county a number of years, and was called "Squire" the rest of his life. His widow still survives him and resides at Plymouth, Ind.

MARY A. (William; Peter; George; J. G.), was born Oct. 29th, 1853, in Pulaski county, Ind. She lived with her parents and attended the district schools until 18 years of age, when she entered the high school at Winamac, and prepared herself for teaching, which she began in 1872, teaching during the succeeding winters, and attending Normal schools and institutes during the summer, until 1879, when they moved to Marshall county, she spent the summer in Sandusky county. On Mar. 20th, 1881, she married Stephen S. Smith. He was born near Ft. Seneca, O., Nov. 28th, 1854, son of Andrew J. and Anna M. (Cummons) Smith, and had moved to Michigan with his parents, when he was four years old. Stephen and his wife moved to Lansing, Mich., about a year after their marriage, but on account of her failing health, only remained about three months, when they returned to Marshall county, Ind., and engaged in farming which they followed, residing one mile west of Burr Oak until she died. They were members of the U. B. church, and Mrs. Smith, though having had to endure several severe sieges of sickness, possessed an active and very intelligent mind which was a great aid and inspiration to her growing children. They had:

William J., born Feb. 1st, 1884.
Wesley R., born Aug. 13th, 1886.
Fannie F., born Dec. 25th, 1887.

WILLIAM L. (William; Peter; George; J. G.), born Sept. 5th, 1856, in Pulaski county, Ind. He attended the country schools and decided to enter the medical profession. While a student in medicine at Winamac, he accidently drowned in the Tippecanoe river, while bathing with some of his companions, Aug. 24th, 1876, just about three weeks after the death of his mother, besides whom he is buried in Pleasant Hill cemetery, Fulton county, Ind.

FANNIE B. (William; Peter; George; J. G.), born Oct. 10th, 1862, in Pulaski county, Ind. She received a fair common-school education, residing with her parents until her marriage in Sept., 1884, to Willis Burkett. They resided on a farm, but their married life was brief, as she died of consumption May 27th, 1887, leaving one child, Ethel C., born Aug. 31st, 1885.

Home of Scott Seabold, being the Exact Location of the Home of John George Obermayer, the Emigrant.
(See description on page 54.)

Site of the Old Cemetery on the Emigrants' Farm, Abandoned in 1792.

(Described on page 55.)

FRANK P. (William; Peter; George; J. G.), the only living son of William and Mary C. Overmyer, was born Jan. 13th. 1869, on his father's farm in Pulaski county, Ind. He attended the district school and worked on his father's farm until about 20 years of age, when he entered the North Manchester college, at North Manchester, Ind., to prepare himself for the ministry. While at college he was a close and industrious student, leading an industrious life and defraying a part of his expenses by preaching in the various circuits in that vicinity. In the meantime he had married Miss Lillie Vories, whom he had known all his life, and was a school-mate of his. He graduated, ranking second in his class, and became a member of the Saint Joseph's conference, to which he still belongs. The first four years of his ministry he served at Galveston, Ind. He was then transferred to Dayton, Ind., where he served two years, going from there to Erie, Ind. where he was located three years, after which he went to Peru, Ind., where he resided until recently and had one of the most prosperous and active congregations in that part of the state. He is very successful in his calling, with bright prospects for the future. He recently retired from the ministry and is now living on a farm at Galveston, Ind. They have:

Glenn.
Bernice.
Joe.
Paul.
Mark.

IDA M. (William; Peter; George; J. G.), born in Pulaski county, Ind., Jan. 7th, 1871. In Sept., 1890, she married George M. Osborn. They are both members of the Church of God, or Adventists, are engaged in farming and reside on the old homestead one mile west of Burr Oak, Ind.

GEORGIANA (William; Peter; George; J. G.), born Sept. 23rd, 1873, in Pulaski county, Ind. Her mother died when Georgiana was three years old, thus her education and early training devolved largely upon the older brother and sisters, and her father. She married Leonard Osborn, May 3rd, 1891.

They are members of the Church of God, and are engaged in farming, residing on their farm two and one-half miles west of Burr Oak, Ind., until 1903, then moved to Lordsburg, Cal. They have:

Minot L., born April 11th, 1892.
Fern, born Dec. 9th, 1896.
Fred, born April 2nd, 1898.

EUGENE (William; Peter; George; J. G.), the only living child of William Overmyer's second marriage, was born in Pulaski county, Ind. He was raised on the farm and attended the country schools. Later, he served three years as Warden at the Hospital for Insane at Richmond, Ind., after which he entered a dental college at Indianapolis, and is member of the class of 1902; graduated and located at Muskogee, Ind. Ter., where on Jan. 5, 1905, he married Zenobia Lettle. They still reside there.

EZEKIEL (Peter; George; J. G.), was fifth son and sixth child of Peter and Mary (Hodge) Overmyer; born June 11th, 1829, in Perry county, O., and came with his parents to Sandusky county when four years old. Here he grew to manhood, enduring the hardships and toil incident to pioneer life. When some of their neighbors moved to Indiana, in 1852, Ezekiel went along, going with John Johnson's family (she being Polly Overmyer, a cousin of his). This journey was made in big wagons across the country, and after their arrival Ezekiel worked for them, and while there he became acquainted with Mary E. (or Polly) Miller, an Ohio girl, born May 10th, 1840, in Seneca county, O., who had come to Indiana about the same time and located in the same community. They were married Nov. 10th, 1856, and settled on a farm about three miles west of Richland Center, Fulton county, Ind., where they resided during their entire married life. Ezekiel was a hard-working, intelligent farmer, but had no education, save what he learned by experience in the almost unbroken forests of Sandusky county. He was a Republican, but never aspired to public office. They were both members of the M. E. church; had 13 children born to them, and had their 320-acre farm well improved with good buildings, and were leading a retired life surorunded by their

children when he died, Aug. 22nd, 1899, at the age of 70 years, 2 months and 11 days, and was buried at Richland Center. Mrs. Overmyer is living on the old homestead where they began house-keeping under such humble circumstances, and where they had reared their children, improved and increased their farms, and had shared with each other the joys tnd sorrows of a successful life. Her P. O. address is Richland Center, Ind. They had:

Barbara Ellen, born April 11th, 1858; married Zach Horgsheimer, of Culver, Ind.

Sarah L., married Jacob Rearick, DeLong, Ind.

Mellville, born Dec. 16th, 1861; died in 1892.

Enoch, born Jan. 1st, 1863.

Ambrose, born Feb. 21st, 1864.

Lucy, born April 28th, 1865; married D. Burns, Plymouth, Ind.

Schuyler, born Oct. 8th, 1866.

Martha J., born Jan. 23rd, 1868; married Sim Cooper, Culver, Ind.

Mary, born Jan. 6th, 1870; married Gust Reinholt, Monterey, Ind.

Amanda, born Feb. 12th, 1872; married James Dudgeon, Rochester Ind.

Eldora, born Jan. 3rd, 1874; married William Flora, Richland Center, Ind.

Emma P., born Jan. 22nd, 1876; married Floyd Babcock, Richland Center, Ind.

Carrie M., born Feb. 13th, 1879; married Ira Flora, Richland Center, Ind.

BARBARA ELLEN (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born April 11th, 1858; married Zach Horgshimer and live near Culver, Ind.

SARAH LOUISA (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born Nov. 26th, 1860; married Jacob Rearick and live near DeLong, Ind.

ENOCH (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), was born on the old homestead near Richland Center, Ind., Jan 1st, 1863, his

advent being no doubt a happy New Year's Greeting. He attended the country schools, and made fair progress in his studies, then worked on the farm for his father, until he married, Feb. 13th, 1889, Nettie B. Hoesel, eldest daughter of Richard and Susan Hoesel. She was born near Monterey, July 29th, 1866. They are engaged in farming, owning about 240 acres of land, which is well improved, and indicates that he is one of the most thrifty and up-to-date farmers of the community where they live. They have good buildings, a fine orchard, and in every way a pleasant home, located near the banks of the Tippecanoe river, three miles west of Monterey, Ind. They have:

John Richard, born June 15th, 1891.
Frank A., born April 23rd, 1893.
Atta B., born Jan. 23rd, 1896.

AMBROSE B. (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born Feb. 21st, 1864, on the old homestead in Fulton county, Ind. He married in 1891, Elnora Medman, daughter of Edwin and Lina (Turbet) Medman. They are engaged in farming and reside four miles southwest of Richland Center, Ind. They have:

Harry.
Nellie.
William.
Howard.
Infant son.

LUCY IDA (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born April 23rd, 1865; married D. Burns, of Plymouth, Ind.

SCHUYLER (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born near Richland Center, Ind., Oct. 8th, 1866. He married Clara Crumley, and is engaged in farming. He is a Republican, and both are members of the Evangelical church. They reside two miles southeast of Culver, Ind. They have two daughters.

MARTHA J. (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born Jan. 23rd, 1868; married Simon Cooper, of Culver, Ind.

MARY (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born Jan. 6th, 1870; married Gust Rinebolt, of Montrey, Ind.

AMANDA (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born Feb. 12th, 1872; married James Dudgeon, of Rochester, Ind.

ELDORA (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born Jan. 3rd, 1874; married Wm. Flora, of Richland Center, Ind.

EMMA PHEBE (Ezekiel, Peter; George; J .G.), born Jan. 22nd, 1876, in Fulton county, Ind., was educated at Richland Center, Ind. Was married Feb. 24th, 1898, to Floyd E. Babcock, born May 20th, 1873, son of Andrew E. and Anna (Lawrence) Babcock. The marriage was performed at the home of the groom. They are respected and influential citizens. He is a Republican, and they follow farming. They have:

Della Leona, born Aug. 27th, 1899

Infant, born Mar. 1st, 1903.

CARRIE MAY (Ezekiel; Peter; George; J. G.), born Feb 13th, 1879; married Ira Flora.

ELIZABETH (Peter; George; J. G.), born in Perry county, O., and came to Sandusky county with her parents in 1833. She married George Weckstein, a shoemaker. They resided at Fremont, O.; had two children, both of whom died; one died in infancy and George, the son, died in 1864, in the fourteenth year of his age, and is buried in the old cemetery at Fremont. Both Elizabeth and her husband died some years ago leaving no direct descendents living.

LEVI (Peter; George; J. G.), born July 4th, 1834, in Sandusky county, O., within the present limits of Lindsey. He, like a great many boys at that time, received practically no education, very seldom getting to school; but early learned to swing his axe, drive the oxen, and do all kinds of labor incident to farm life in those times. In 1855, when 21 years of age, he went to Indiana with several famliies that moved there, viz.; his brother, Isaac, and cousin,, John Overmyer, and their families; Luke Overmyer and John Anderson and their families. They drove to their new homes in wagons, driving their cattle and sheep with them, and after a journey of 11 days they reached the sites of their new homes in Pulaski and Fulton counties, Ind. Levi worked for his brothers and their neighbors a short

time, then married Rosanna Anderson. She was born Jan. 29th, 1838, in Sandusky county, daughter of John and Sarah (Overmyer) Anderson. She and her parents moved to Indiana at the same time that Levi and his brothers did, and formed a part of the same company of emigrants. After their marriage, they went to farming in Pulaski, and later in Fulton county, and were very sucessful, having obtained a large farm which they improved, and erected a fine home. They were members of the M. E. church. He died Feb. 12th, 1894, and is buried at Richland Center, Ind. She married again, but her second husband is also dead. She resides in Rochester, Ind., in a neat little home, where she leads a retired life. They had 13 children, of whom only 4 are living, as follows:

Boyd A., born Dec. 3rd, 1857.
Frank, born Dec. 25th, 1863.
Charles E., born Mar. 5th, 1870.
Adelbert E., born Sept. 24th, 1879.

BOYD A. (Levi; Peter; George; J. G.), born Dec. 3rd, 1857, in Pulaski county, Ind. He received a fair common-school education; worked on the farm, and in the fall of 1880, he married Eldora Hyatt. They engaged in farming until she died, Mar. 8th, 1891, aged 31 years, 3 months and 27 days, leaving:

Charles Cliffton, born July 24th, 1881.
Leota, born April, 1883.

Boyd then disposed of his farming implements, and afterwards spent a year near Lindsey, O., in the employ of Perry Boyer. He then returned to Indiana, and in 1893, married his second wife, Rosa Cook. They are engaged in farming, and reside near Fulton, Fulton county, Ind. They have:

Leroy, born 1894.
Almeda.
Raymond.

FRANK (Levi; Peter; George; J. G.), born Dec. 25th, 1863, near Culver, Marshall county, Ind. He attended the common schools, worked on the farm, and on Nov. 13th, 1884, married Inez Almack, daughter of Roy and Rebecca (Hood) Almack. She was born Aug. 27th, 1869, near Talma, Fulton county, Ind.

They are engaged in farming, and reside near Richland Center, Ind. They have:

Lee Anson, born Sept. 12th, 1885.
Grace Dell, born June 16th, 1887.
Verne born June 15th, 1890.
Lloyd, born Mar. 26th, 1892.
Charles Stephen, born Dec. 16th, 1893.

CHARLES E. (Levi; Peter; George; J. G.), born Mar. 5th 1870. He received a fair common-school education, and married Ida B. Walters. They are members of the M. E. church, and he is a Republican. They reside on a farm near Richland Center.

ADELBERT E. (Levi; Peter; George; J. G.), born Sept. 24th, 1879, and married Lelia Stockberger, Dec. 19th, 1900. She was born in 1882, daughter of John and Mollie (Bachelor) Stockberger. They are farming and reside near Richland Center, Ind.

CATHARINE (Peter; George; J. G.), eldest child of Peter and his second wife; was born within the present limits of Lindsey, O., July 7th, 1838. She attended the country school in what is known as the Paul Fought Dist., and received a fair education. She worked for her parents until she married, Jan. 1st, 1857, at Lindsey, O., George. Boyer. He was born Oct. 21st, 1837, in Wasington Twp., Sandusky county, O.; son of John and Catherine (Smith) Boyer. They then began farming for his father, and farmed there until about 1866, when they bought a farm of their own and moved upon it, where they still reside.

They have always been industrious and prosperous farmers; have reared a family of respectable children, to whom they gave much better eduactional advantages than they enjoyed for themselves, four of their children having taught school. They have added to their farm until they now have 116 acres of fine land, with good buildings thereon, and have a gas well of their own near the house which has for years supplied them with natural gas for heating, cooking and lighting purposes with no expense since the completion of the well, and the piping of the gas. The abundance of the gas seems to indicate that Mr.

Boyer will never need to worry about fuel for family use during his lifetime. Their farm is located about 3 miles southeast of Lindsey, O., on the township line road, dividing Washington and Sandusky townships. He is a Republican, but not a strict partisan. Their children were:

William Edwin, born Feb. 23rd, 1858; married Dora Greesman.

Maria J., born Mar. 11th, 1860; married Mathias Park.

Clara Belle, born Dec. 30th, 1861; married Fred Fronizer, late Prosecuting Attorney of Sandusky county, O.

Idora V., born Nov. 29th, 1863; died Mar, 15th, 1893.

Jeanetta E., born Dec. 29th, 1865; married Charles Kramp.

Thomas C., born Jan. 7th, 1868; died Feb. 21st, 1891.

Bertha A., born May 27th, 1870; married Frank C. Baker.

Chauncey A., born April 20th, 1872; lives near Shelton, Mason county, Wash.

Irvin V., born Aug. 23rd, 1874; married Ida King.

MARIA (Peter; George; J. G.), married Jerome Overmyer (see line of Daniel, Philip, J. G., under which her sketch will be found.)

MARY J. (Peter; George; J. G.), born June 7th, 1811, on her father's farm within the present limits of Lindsey, O. She attended school at the Paul Fought school, and received a fair education, though she was many times compelled to wade mud and water in getting to school, as the country was usually wet and the path led from log to log across the low places, and the low places were more numerous than the high places. She married June 23rd, 1859, at Fremont, O., by Dr. Wilmer, William Boyer, son of John and Catherine (Smith) Boyer. He was born in Washington township, Sandusky county, O., May 8th, 1839, and in his youth learned the carpenter's trade. After their marriage they farmed for his father for a short time, then bought a farm for themselves about two miles north of Lindsey. From there they moved to Lindsey, and later, in partnership with Solomon and Michael Overmyer, built the first steam saw-mill in that community, and perhaps the first in the county. He worked at carpentering for some time, erecting the grain elevator owned by J. Wolfe, and a great many of the

barns and residences in and around Lindsey, and at the old time raisings, when they would choose sides in raising barns and each side tried to beat the other in getting up the timber, Mr. Boyer was invariably to be found on top of the frame going about directing the work, running about on the plates and cross-beams with as much ease and as fearless as if he were on terra firma. He started in the grocery and dry goods business in 1870, at Lindsey, and has followed it since. Mr. Boyer has held various public offices, having served as postmaster for 20 years, member of the council and school board several times, and has the distinction of having been the first Republican clerk of Washington township. He has always been a Republican; they are both members of the Evangelical church, and reside on Main street, in Lindsey, O. The following are the children:

Emma F., born Oct. 3rd, 1860; died Jan. 4th, 1890.
Minerva C., born Nov. 15th, 1863.
William W. born Aug. 18th, 1867.
Leroy M., born Mar. 23rd, 1869.
Gertrude C., born Nov. 13th, 1871.
Frank F., born Dec. 3rd, 1875; died May 21th, 1896.
Harry M., born Oct. 29th, 1877.
Earl Freddie, born Aug. 16th, 1882; died Sept. 28th, 1885.

HENRY HARRISON (Peter; George; J. G.), born Dec. 2nd, 1812, within the present limits of Lindsey, O. Here he grew to manhood, attended the common schools and received a good common-school education. He married Margaret Angelica Walker, June 2nd, 1869. She was born Mar. 16th, 1843, in Sandusky county, O.; daughter of David and Nancy (Waggoner) Walker. After their marriage, they located upon the farm where they still reside, and Mr. Overmyer began at once to prepare his farm for the culture of fruit and bees. He started bee culture in 1873, and has since followed and studied it along scientific lines, making his own hives, forming artificial swarms, raising queens for his own use, and usually winters from 100 to 500 colonies, producing from 2 to 65 barrels of honey every season. A few years after starting his apiary, he started in connection therewith, a fruit farm, starting some of the trees in

1876, some in 1878, and the balance principally in 1880, and he now has 22 acres planted to choice fruit of the finest varieties, and the symmetry, beauty and thriftiness of the trees show that they are carefully pruned, tended and cared for in every particular, and that Mr. Overmyer has made fruit culture in all its forms from seed-bed to market, grafting, pruning and budding, the object of careful and diligent study, research, and investigation. The fruits of his labors are now apparent when we learn that he frequently has 1,500 bushels of hand-picked apples for the market, 1,100 bushels of cider-apples, which he usually has made into cider and stores it until it ferments, when he sells it for vinegar, frequently having from 3,000 to 4,000 gallons of the finest vinegar for sale. Besides his apple crop he raises a great many pears, mulberries, plums, cherries and many kinds of small fruit. A visit to his fruit farm during the month of May, when the trees are clothed in verdant green and covered with myriads of blossoms, giving a fragrance to the air and honey to the ever-busy bees as they are laying up their abundant stores, is a sight never to be forgotten, and from which not even an infidel could turn and still say in his heart, "There is no God." During the Civil War he was assigned to Co. K, 169th Reg., O. N. G., and was discharged Sept. 1th, 1861, at Cleveland, O.

Mr. Overmyer is a great reader, and keeps well posted in public affairs; is liberal in his political views, being guided more by his ideas of the fitness of the man for the place and the principles involved, than by party lines. The following are their children:

Waldo Emerison, born May 16th, 1870.
Nellie, born Oct. 14th, 1872.
George, born Dec. 2nd, 1877; single.
Frederick, born July 24th, 1881.
Wilfred Rollin, born Nov. 15th, 1882.

WALDO E. (Henry H.; Peter; George; J. G.), born May 16th, 1870, on his parent's farm south of Lindsey, O. He received a common-school education, and when a boy frequently spent several weeks at a time near Toledo, O., with his grandmother and his uncles, and while there in the spring of 1887,

he decided to follow Horace Greely's advice and "go West," which he did, locating near Hunters' P. O., Steven's county, Wash., where he obtained some land and set to work to improve it. He now owns 200 acres of land, and has an interest in some mines in that locality. He rents his land and usually works at the carpenter trade or looks after his mining interests. He married, Jan. 2nd, 1899, Clara Maud Runyan. They have:

Ralph Waldo Emerson, born May 16th, 1870.

George, born Dec. 2nd, 1877.

Clara M., born Dec. 22nd, 1899.

Margaret E., born Nov. 11th, 1901.

Mary A., born July 8th, 1904.

NELLIE (Henry H.; Peter; George; J. G.), born Oct. 14th, 1872, near Lindsey, O. She married T. O. Hurst, a telegraph operator, near Toledo, O., with whom she had two children:

Hazel, born Feb. 20th, 1891.

Harold Gordon, born April 16th, 1893.

Mrs. Hurst and her husband separated and she married, Nov. 20th, 1900, Mr. Brown, a hotel keeper. They reside on Pearl street, Cleveland, O.

THOMAS JEFFERSON (Peter; George; J. G.), born June 25th, 1845, at Lindsey, O. His boyhood days were spent on the farm, and when the Civil War raged his heart was fired with patriotic devotion, as was the heart of many a youth. He enlisted as a soldier in Company I, 25th O. V. I., in Feb., 1864. He served in the south during that summer, when he was taken sick with camp fever, and after an illness of about three weeks he died September, 1864, at Hilton Head, S. C., and his grave, like that of many of his comrades,is unknown and unmarked.

CLARA ISABEL (Peter; George; J. G.), born Dec. 4th, 1848. She attended the district school at the Paul Fought school; received a fair education, and lived with her parents until she married George H. Myers, May 27th, 1867, son of Henry and Mary (Burks) Myers. He was born Sept. 22nd, 1840, and lived with his father, attending the common schools, and at times assisted his father at wagon-making, until the Civil War broke out, when he enlisted in Company A, 111th O. V. I., as a private,

July 16th, 1862. The regiment was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 23rd army corps. Mr. Myers engaged in the battles of Horse Ferry, Campbell Station, siege of Knoxville, Strawberry Plains, Reseca, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Decatur, Jonesboro, Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville, Wilmington, Kingston and Fort Anderson. Mr. Myers is a carpenter and contractor, also builds oil derricks. He resides at Lindsey, O. Their children are:

Haidee B., born Aug. 19th, 1869.
Merlin Dean, born Aug. 25th, 1872.
George Herbert, born May 26th, 1879.
Clyde Frederick, born Dec. 24th, 1881.

ELIZA ELLEN (Peter; George; J. G.), born Sept. 6th 1851, at Lindsey, O. She attended the district school at the Paul Fought school and received a fair education. She lived with her parents until she married, Feb. 21st, 1871, Elijah W. Hubbard, at Fremont, O., by Rev. Merriott, of the M. E. church. Mr. Hubbard was born near Bellevue, O., Nov. 23rd, 1850, son of James and Louisa (Snyder) Hubbard. After their marriage, they farmed two years for her mother on the old homestead, after which they moved to Fremont and he worked at the carpenter trade, but they only remained there one summer, when they returned to Lindsey and bought a home on Main street, where they resided and he followed his trade until 1887, when they locataed at Bowling Green, O., where he is engaged as carpenter and contractor. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum. They are members of the U. B. church and have one child, Mary Gertrude, born July 11th, 1874, who lives with her parents at Bowling Green, O. They have with them, La Verne Boyer, who has had his home with them since the death of his mother.

LUCY A. (Peter; George; J. G.), born April 6th, 1854. She married Josiah Boyer, a carriage blacksmith, and resided at Lindsey, O., where she died, April 15th, 1888, and is buried in the new cemetery there. They had four children:

Claude V.
LaVerne J., born Sept. 25th, 1877.

Glenn R., born Sept. 16th, 1882.
Clyde S., born Mar. 15th, 1884.

EMMA F. (Peter; George; J. G.), born Oct. 18th, 1857, at Lindsey, O. She married Geo. W. Murray, born May 6th, 1852, son of Alexander F. and Lavina (Adams) Murray. He was born and raised in Lindsey, where he followed carpentering, and where they resided until she died, Mar. 14th, 1884. She was a member of the Evangelical church, and is buried in the new cemetery at Lindsey O.

CHAUNCEY A. (Peter; George; J. G.), born Mar. 9th 1860, on the old homestead at Lindsey, O. He attended the district school, his first teacher was B. B. Overmyer, and later attended the Lindsey schools. His father died when Chauncey was about two years old; so as soon as he was old enough, he began to farm the old homestead, and remained there until several years after his mother's death, when the heirs sold the farm to Geo. Richards, and Chauncey moved to Fremont, O., and erected a beautiful home on West State street, where they now reside, living a retired life. He married Frances A. Geeseman, Aug. 20th, 1882. She was born Aug. 13th, 1844, daughter of John and Mary (Deal) Geeseman, and was educated in the Fremont schools, after which she taught school about twelve terms. Chauncey is independent in his political views, and is govrned by his own judgment more than by party lines, though his support goes to the Democratic party. He is a member of the K. O. T. M. and she is a member of the L. O. T. M., Michigan Hive No. 46, Fremont, O., and are both members of the Reformed church. They have with them Clyde S. Boyer, who has had his home with them almost continuously since his mother died.

SARAH (George; J. G.), born in Union county, Pa., Jan. 25th, 1801. Married Peter Strohl, in Perry county, Ohio. Moved to Sandusky county, Ohio, in ——, and located on Section No. 24 of Ballville Twp., where they cleared away the forest and improved the home, and resided the remainder of their lives. She died Dec. 31st, 1866, and he Oct, 18th, 1886, and are buried in McGormley cemetery, near the old home. They had:

Isabel, born ——, 1823.
Isaac, born Oct. 18th, 1825.
Margaret, born Mar. 14th, 1829; married Enos Osborne.
Maria, born ——; died at age of 17.
Catherine, born May 5th, 1834; married Dr. W. V. B. Ames.

MARIA (George; J. G.), born in Pennsylvania. Marrie —— Mulholland. Moved to West Liberty, Champaign county, O. Both died there.

BARBARA (George; J. G.), married Peter Ditto. Lived in Perry county O., and died there.

MARGARET (George; J. G.), married Enos Cochran. Lived in Perry county, O., and died there.

JACOB (George; J. G.), third son and sixth child of John George and Maria (Rearick) Overmyer, born in Pennsylvania, Mar. 28, 1808, and came with his mother, brothers and sisters to Perry County, Ohio, in 1811, where he grew to manhood, and in 1828, at Circleville, Ohio, married Gordy Weaver, daughter of John and Eve Weaver, born in Pennsylvania, November 29th, 1799. He was a hotel keeper at Somerset, Ohio; a member of the Lutheran church, of the Masonic and Christian Knighthood fraternities. Died February 14th, 1873, and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery near Somerset, Ohio; had the following children:

Joel Weaver, born September 2d, 1829.
William Henry, born June 1st, 1831.
Martha Jane, born July 24th, 1833; died August 18th, 1857.
John Landis, born September 28th, 1834; is at work for the Adams Express Co., and resides at Louisville, Ky.
Mary Ellen, born November 2d, 1836; died June 1st, 1888.
George Amos, born November 10th, 1838, died September 30th, 1867.

JOEL W. (Jacob; George; J. G.), born September 2d, 1829, at Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio. He was educated in the common schools at Somerset, O., to which place his parents had moved when he was a boy. There he grew to manhood and married, September 6th, 1853, by Rev. Joseph Casper, Eliza (Ritche-

y)) Morris. She was born at Somerset, O., January 12th, 1833, daughter of George and Nancy (Ream) Morris. Joel was formerly engaged in the hardware business and was very successful, and now leads a retired life. She died January 29th, 1876, and is buried at Lancaster, O. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Lutheran church, and has been a life-long Democrat. They had:

Clara Morris, born April 21st, 1854.
George Morris, born January 21st, 1857.
Mary, born June 7th, 1861.
Alice Lee, born November 8th, 1863.
John Charles, born April 15th, 1866.
Eliza, born January 15th, 1869.
Nellie, born January 7th, 1872; died at New Lexington, O., September 13th, 1882.

He now resides at 63 North Ohio avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

CLARA M. (Joel W.; Jacob; George; J. G.), born April 21st, 1854, at Somerset, O. She was educated at Lancaster O.; is a member of the M. E. church and resides at 329 Michigan St., Pueblo, Col.

GEORGE MORRIS (Joel W.; Jacob; George; J. G.), born January 21st, 1858, at Somerset, O. He attended the schools at Lancaster, O., and later served five years as a private in the Ohio National Guard. He is now in the employ of Swift & Co. as a traveling salesman and has his home at 4516 Forrestville Ave., Chicago, Ill.

MARY (Joel W.; Jacob; George; J. G.;), born June 7th, 1861, at Circleville, O. She attended school at Lancaster, O., and married, at New Lexington, O., September 18th, 1883, Robert W. Houston. He was born December 4th, 1859, at New Lexington, son of Robert E. and Elizabeth (Wilson) Houston. They are members of the M. E. church and reside at 63 Ohio Ave., Columbus, O. They have:

Nellie Clara, born October 24th, 1885.
Robert Morris, born December 4th, 1889.

ALICE LEE (Joel W.; Jacob; George; J. G.), born November 8th, 1863, at Somerset, O. She received her education in

the schools at Lancaster and New Lexington, O. She married, May 9th, 1900, at Chicago, Ill., John Richardson Cameron. He was born in Glosgow, Scotland, May 10th, 1846. She is a member of the Presbyterian church. They reside at No. 329 Michigan St., Pueblo, Col.

JOHN CHARLES (Joel W.; Jacob; George; J. G.), second son and fifth child of Joel W. and Eliza (Morris) Overmyer, born near Somerset, O., Apr. 15th, 1866. He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster and New Lexington, O., until the age of twenty years; also assisted his father in the hardware business at New Lexington up to that time, then entered into the employment of McCune, Lomis & Griswold, of Columbus, O., in the wholesale hardware business, where he remained two years. In January, 1889, he was appointed to a position in the Adjutant General's office, at Columbus, O., by Governor James E. Campbell, where he remained two years. On December 23d, 1889, he married Virginia Ethel Townsend, at Pueblo, Col. In January, 1899, he moved to Pueblo, Col., where he was engaged in the artificial ice business for three years, and later was connected with the Police Department of Pueblo for two years, as reporter and Captain of Police, under Mayor J. B. Oman. In April, 1899, he was appointed Adjutant General of Colorado, by Governor Charles S. Thomas, and served as such until April 10th, 1901, since which time he has been interested in mining in the Leadville and Cripple Creek districts. They have two children:

Joel Woodford, born October 3d, 1892.

Margaret Townsend, born September 18th, 1894.

Postoffice address, 860 Lincoln Ave., Denver, Col.

ELIZA (Joel W.; Jacob; George; J. G.), born January 15th, 1869, at Lancaster, Ohio. She was educated in the schools at New Lexington, and married there, December 23d, 1891, Gilbert Motier Woodward, born October 25th, 1863, at Columbus, O., son of Bertram and Harriet (Overmyer) Woodward. (See line of Benjamin; John; Peter; J. G.) They are members of the Evangelical church and reside at 1516 Forestville Ave., Chicago, Ill. They have:

Helen Louise, born October 27th, 1892.

Enoch Overmyer and Family

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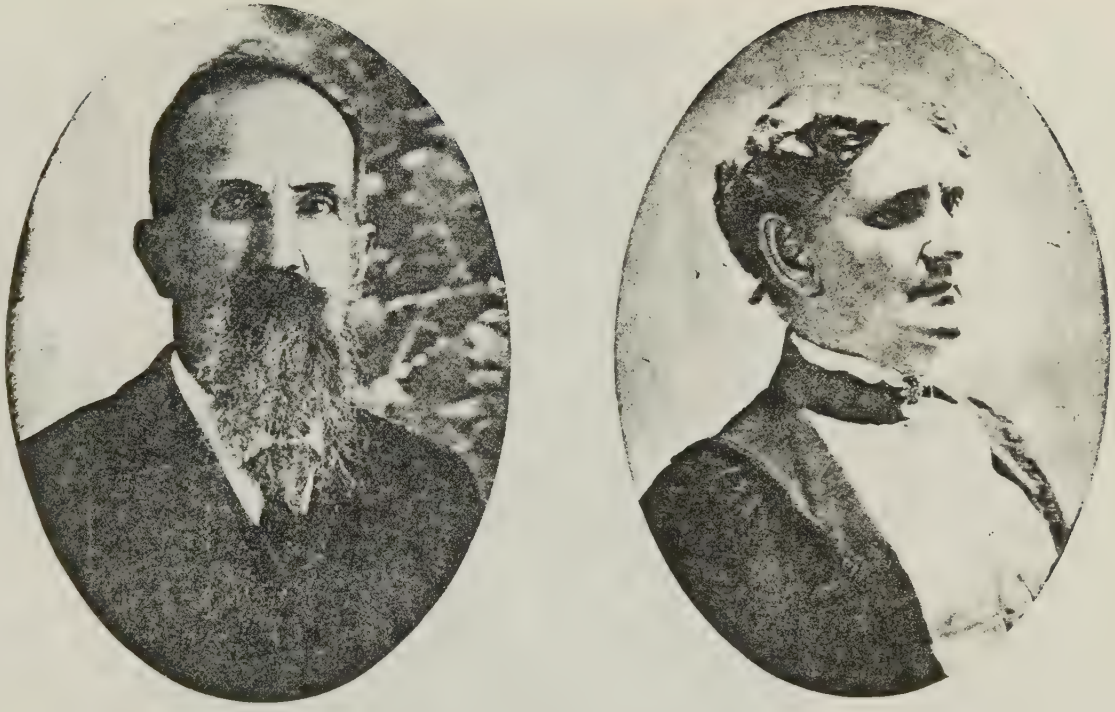

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WILLIAM HENRY (Jacob; John George; J. G.), second son of Jacob and Mary (Weaver) Overmyer, was born near Somerset, O., Junelst, 1831; was educated at the schools of Somerset and Zanesville, O. He learned the saddler trade, and married Eleanor Spencer, daughter of William C. Spencer, born near Somerset, O., April 26th, 1834. They were members of the Lutheran church; he a member of the Masonic fraternity; was a Democrat until after the Civil war, then a Republican. Died December 27th, 1862, and is buried near Somerset, O. Had the following children: Henrietta, William J. and Annie.

WILLIAM J. (Wm. H.; Jacob; John George; J. G.), son of William H. and Eleanor (Spencer) Overmyer died and is burried at Jackson, Mississippi.

CHAPTER III.

LINE OF JOHN PETER, second son of the Emigrant John George Obermayer, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1761.

JOHN PETER (J. G.), the second son and fifth child of John George Obermayer, "being the first child born of his second wife," was born at Paxton, near Harrisburg, "now Dauphin County," Pa., Feb. 5th, 1761, and with his father's family, at the age of nine years, moved north into Penn's Valley, Buffalo Township, where Sweitzer's Run flows into Penn's Creek. Here in the dense forest, among the Indians, he no doubt experienced to the fullest extent the privations of the then frontier life. At the age of twenty-two, he married Mary Eva Hennig, daughter of Christopher Hennig, residing on and farming part of his father's estate, until 1801, when he with several of his neighbors, moved to Ohio, and located near New Reading, "now Perry County." Perry County was formed as at present, from Washington, Muskingum and Fairfield, March 1st, 1817, and named after Commodore Perry. The following were some of his early neighbors, who also came from Pennsylvania: John Hammond, David Pugh, Adam Binckley, John Poorman, John Fink, Daniel Parkinson, Peter, John and Michael Dittoe. The writer was often told of the sad misfortune with which he met during his trip of moving from Pennsylvania to Ohio. At that time teams were ferried over the Ohio river, and being a good teamster, with one four-horse and one five-horse team, heavily loaded with goods and silver money, when about to cross the Ohio river at Wheeling, he told the ferryman that his wagons were very heavily loaded and he feared the boat insufficient to bear up his loads, but the ferryman claimed he had transferred heavier loads on many occasions before, so the attempt was made, but alas! when the boat was pulled from the shore it sank, with all on board. With the greatest effort, but cutting the harness, the horses were saved, also the wagons later, while most of the goods were lost,

Some of the chests and trunks were taken out of the stream, later, miles below the crossing.

Stricken but undismayed, he proceeded to the end of his journey, where with his wife and ten children he established a home in the dense forest, and took an active part in improving the wild country. He assisted in building the first school-house also in erecting the first church, which was a Lutheran church, and Rev. Foster was the first pastor in the then wild commuuity.

The following are the children of John Peter and Mary Eva (Hennig) Overmyer:

John Geo., born Sept. 24th, 1784.

Jacob, born May 14th, 1786.

John, born April 10th, 1788.

Benjamin, born Oct. 9th, 1789.

Christena, born Aug. 22nd, 1791; married Christian Anspach.

Catharine, born Oct. 6th, 1793; married John Anspach.

Mary Magdalene, born Oct. 13th, 1795; married David Deal.

Elizabeth, born Sept. 2nd, 1797; married J. Mohler.

Peter, born Aug. 24th, 1799.

David, born June 21st, 1801.

Adam, born May 10th, 1803.

Barbara, born June 24th, 1805; married Joseph Miller.

JOHN GEORGE (Peter; J. G.), eldest child of Peter and Eva (Hennig) Overmyer, was born in East Buffalo Township, Northumberland (now Union) County, Pa., Sept. 24th, 1784, and later baptized by Rev. Cyriacus Spangenberg. Witnesses to his baptism were his grandparents, John George and Barbara Obermayer, of East Buffalo, now Limestone Township, Union County, Pa. In 1801, when about seventeen years old, he came with his parents to Perry County, O. He received a very fair education for those early days, and in 1808 married Catherine Eva Hoffman, daughter of John George Hoffman, born in Tulphocken Township, Berks County, Pa., June 4th, 1784, and baptized by Rev. Schultz, and later came with her parents to Perry County, O. He served as a soldier in 1812. After the war he served as Justice of the Peace for many years in Perry County, O., and in 1829 moved with his family to Sandusky County, O.,

and located on Section 2 in Jackson Township, on lands he bought of the United States government. Deeds still in possession of his descendants are signed by Andrew Jackson, then President of the United States. Here he soon distinguished himself by his sound judgment, and strong traits of character, which he possessed, and was elected Associate Judge of the Sandusky County Court, which office he held for seven years. He was Justice of the Peace a long time in Jackson Township, and transacted much business of a legal nature for the pioneers of that community, and in younger years taught school.

He was a Democrat, and both were members of the Lutheran church and had all their children baptized in the same faith. They resided on their farm in Jackson Township until they died; she having departed this life Dec. 5th, 1848, and he about ten years later, on March 28th, 1858.

They had:

Elizabeth, born June 13th, 1809; died June 8th, 1835.
Susannah, born June 15th, 1810.
Noah, born Dec. 29th, 1811; died Sept. 6th, 1840.
Anna Mary, born July 28th, 1813.
Daniel, born April 16th, 1815; died Dec. 30th, 1881.
Jonathan, born May 4th, 1817; died Dec. 14th, 1848.
Sarah, born Dec. 22nd, 1819.
Joel, born March 4th, 1822.
Ephriam, born Feb. 17th, 1825.
George, born Dec. 4th, 1828.

SUSANNAH (Jno. Geo.; Peter; J. G.), daughter of John George and Catharine Eva Overmyer, was born June 15th, 1810, and baptized July 12th, 1810, by Rev. Wm. Foster. She married John Stultz, March 25th, 1832, at Fremont, O., then Lower Sandusky. He was born in New Jersey, July 18th, 1810, son of Peter and Jemima (Meeks) Stults.

They began housekeeping in Sandusky County, Ohio, but later moved to Portland, Jay County, Ind., where he died July 13th, 1896. After her husband's death she lived with their son Peter. The names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Elizabeth, Mar. 2nd, 1833; Joseph, Feb. 22nd, 1835, died June 20th, 1836; George, Sept. 16th, 1837; Jemima Ann,

Sept. 27th, 1839, died Nov. 16th, 1877; Peter, January 24th, 1842; Sarah, Feb. 9th, 1844; John B., May 28, 1846; Susannah, Jan. 19th, 1850, died May 22nd, 1885.

NOAH (John Geo.; Peter; J. G.), eldest son and third child of John George and Catherine Eve Overmyer, was born Dec. 29th, 1811, and was baptized by Rev. Wm. Foster Feb. 9th, 1812. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, but was early afflicted with that dread disease, consumption, from which he died, single, Sept. 6th, 1840.

ANNA MARY (John George; Peter; J. G.), daughter of John Geo. and Catharine Eve Overmyer, was born July 28th, 1813, in Perry County, O., and was baptized by Rev. J. List, July 30th, 1813. She married Martin Hammitt July 24th, 1836. He was born Sept. 15th, 1813, son of Joseph and Mary Hammitt. She was educated in Perry County, Ohio, and was a member of church. He gives his political support to the Republican party. They are engaged in farming and reside near Mills Corners, Jay County, Ind. The names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Oliver H. P., Feb. 26th, 1837, died Aug. 7th, 1891; George W., July 28th 1838; Samuel, March 9th, 1840; Sarah Ann, Aug. 12th, 1841; John, July 18th, 1843; James M., March 3, 1846; Benjamin M., July 16th, 1851.

DANIEL (Jno. Geo.; Peter; J. G.), second son and fifth child of Judge John George and Catharine E. (Hoffman) Overmyer, was born in Perry County, Ohio, April 16th, 1815, grew to manhood in said county and in 1838 married Elizabeth Overmyer, daughter of his father's uncle (Jacob Overmyer), born Nov. 19th, 1816, with whom he had five children. All died in infancy except Joel and George W. The wife died Feb. 27th, 1849. For his second wife he married Harriet Kuhn, daughter of Adam and Catharien (Aument) Kuhn, born May 22nd, 1826, in Perry County, Ohio, with whom he had the following children: Wm. A., born July 2nd, 1856; Chas. L., born May 29th, 1858; Cornelius, born Sept. 15th, 1861; Adam N., born Aug. 17th, 1864. He was a hard-working, industrious, well-to-do farmer, a member of the Lutheran Church, a life-long Jackson Democrat. Died Dec. 30th, 1881, and is buried at Washington Chapel cemetery.

JOEL (Daniel; Jno. Geo.; Peter; J. G.), son of Daniel and Elizabeth Overmire, was born in Washington Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, June 19th, 1842; was educated in the schools of the vicinity. Later went to Grenada, Kas., and on Oct. 6th, 1874, married Juliet Foss, daughter of Selden and Roxanna Foss, born at Middlesex, Vt., Jan. 1st, 1843; is a farmer; resides near Seneca, Kas. Children: Emily May, born July 1st, 1880; and Paul, born Feb. 28th, 1890.

GEORGE W. (Daniel; Jno. George; Peter; J. G.), son of Daniel and Elizabeth Overmire, was born in Washington Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, Jan. 16th, 1849; died Feb. 3rd, 1905, and is buried at Gibsonburg, Ohio. In his youth he attended the schools of the vicinity and after he grew to manhood he married Sophia Moore, daughter of David and Rosanna (Blubach) Moore, born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1852. To this union were born the following children:

Jessie W., born June 18, 1872.
Chauncy W., born Sept. 18, 1876.
Hattie R, born March 26, 1881.
Ossie W., born July 12, 1883.

JESSIE W. (Geo. W.; Daniel; Jno. Geo.; Peter; J. G.), first son of Geo. W. and Sophia (Moore) Overmyer, was born in Jackson Twp., Sandusky Co., O., June 18, 1872, where he grew up and on May 7, 1902, married Jennie Dunn, daughter of Henry Dunn, born at Waterville, O., Nov. —, 1880. He is a Democrat, a mason and contractor, and they reside at Millbury, O.

CHAUNCY W. (Geo. W.; Daniel; Jno. Geo.; Peter; J. G.) second son of Geo. W. and Sophia (Moore) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky Co., O., Sept. 18, 1876, and on August 17, 1898, at Fremont, O., he married Florence Mapes, had one son who died in infancy, Chauncy died in 1900.

HATTIE R. (Geo. W.; Daniel; Jno. Geo.; Peter; J. G.), only daughter of Geo. W. and Sophia Overmyer, was born Mar. 26, 1881, and married Bert Johnson, son of A. P. Johnson, at Gibsonburg, O. He is an oil pumper, a Democrat, and they re-

side at Momineetown, O., and have two children, Kenneth and Ershel.

OSSIE W. (Geo. W.; Daniel; Jno. Geo.; Peter; J. G.), third son and fourth child of Geo. W. and Sophia (Moore) Overmyer, was born at Fostoria, Ohio, July 12, 1883, where he grew to manhood was educated at the common schools and in April, 1904, at Gibsonburg, Ohio, he married May Bell Kinney. He is a bricklayer, plasterer and contractor and they reside at Gibsonburg, Ohio.

WILLIAM ALONZO (Daniel; John George; Peter; J. G.), first son of Daniel and Harriet (Kuhn) Overmyer, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, O., July 2, 1856, was educated in the common schools of the county, besides attending a Normal school at Fostoria, O., and a term at Ada, O., Normal University.

Began teaching winter schools at 19 years of age, and taught every winter, continuously, for twenty-five years and farming during the summers.

On Sept. 23rd, 1880, he married Emma Havens, daughter of Hugh and Catherine (Daub) Havens, born Feb. 27, 1863. They belong to the U. B. church. He is a Democrat and has held various township offices; is a member of I. O. O. F lodge No. 592; resides on a farm near the north line of Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, and have the following children:

Ella May born Aug. 9th, 1881.
Ora B. born Apr. 3rd, 1885.
Oliver Daniel born Feb. 18th, 1889.
Louis Havens born June 1st, 1897.

CHAS. LUTHER (Daniel; John George; Peter; J. G.), son of Daniel and Harriet (Kuhn) Overmyer , born in Jackson Twp., Sandusky Co., O., May 29, 1858; was educated in the common schools; is a Lutheran and a Democrat; was married Jan. 30th, 1878, to Rhoda Gephart; they have no childrenn he is an engineer and oil pumper and they reside at Swanton, Fulton Co., Ohio, R. F. D. No. 23.

CORNELIUS K. (Daniel; John George; Peter; J. G.), son of Daniel and Harriet (Kuhn) Overmyer, born in Jackson Twp., Sept. 15, 1861; educated in the hame schools, and Nov. 6th, 1883, married Angela Shuster, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Kuhn) Shuster, born Sept. 14th, 1857, near Ada, Hardin County, Ohio. They belong to the U. B. church, are farmers, and he is a Democrat. Children: Ida Ethel, born Apr. 15th, 1885; Fanny Rhea, born Sept. 7th, 1890. P. O. address, Ithica, Gratiot Co., Mich., R. F. D. No. 5.

ADAM NEWTON (Daniel; Jno. Geo.; Peter; J. G.), son of Daniel and Harriet (Kuhn) Overmyer, was born on the old homestead and grew to manhood there. Later he married Addie Dersham, daughter of Aaron Dersham.

JONATHAN (John Geo.; Peter; J. G.), son of John Geo. and Cath. Eve Overmyer, was born May 4th, 1817, in Perry Co., O., and was baptized June 22, 1817, by Rev. A. Henkel of the Lutheran church. He came to Sandusky County with his parents in the pioneer days and learned the blacksmith's trade. He married Margaret Geeseman. She was also a native of Perry Co., O., born April 9th, 1822.

He worked at his trade and for some time was located near the Four-mile house where he conducted a blacksmith shop as they were at that time, making plows, shovel-plows, forks, hoes and in fact nearly all the tools and implements then in use. He was a member of the Lutheran church and politically always a Democrat. He died December 14th, 1848, and is buried in the cemetery adjoining Washington Chapel, Washington Township, Sandusky County, Ohio. They had:

Lucinda, born Feb. 2nd, 1842.

Aaron, born Dec. 25th, 1844.

Rolandus, born March 3rd, 1848.

Mrs. Overmyer, who survived her husband, with three children found it not an easy matter to provide for the family and give the children the proper educational advantages, but she was a noble woman and did sewing and weaving for the neighbors besides other labor she could do for them. Thus she kept the children with her until they were old enough to support themselves. She later married John Smith. Both are now deceased.

LUCINDA (Jonathan, John Geo.; Peter; J. G.), the eldest child and only daughter of Jonathan and Margaret Overmyer, was born Feb. 2nd, 1842, in Sandusky County, Ohio. She attended the district school in what is known as the Cookson school, and aided her mother in supporting the family, the father and husband having died when Lucinda was 6 years old. She married July 4th, 1867, at Hessville, Ohio, Milan Smith, son of John Smith. They settled in Stuben Co., Ind., where they resided nine years.

In the spring of 1876 they sold their farm in Indiana and bought another near Jonesville, Hillsdale Co., Mich. There they resided about 20 years, and in 1896 sold their farm and moved to James City, County Virginia, where she died Feby. 24th, 1897, and her remains repose in the cemetery at Lebanon church, Warwick Co., Va. The husband and children reside in the vicinity of Grove, James City County. Va. The dates of birth and names of their children is as follows: Alvin E., born April 4th, 1868; Adrian L., born July 20th, 1871; Infant son, March 20th, 1878, died April 8, 1878; James Dayton, born July 17th, 1879; and Olive Ruby, born Feb. 15, 1881.

AARON (Jonathan; John Geo.; Peter; J. G.), the eldest son and second child of Jonathan and Margaret Overmyer, was born Dec. 25th, 1844, in Sandusky County, Ohio. Having been born on Christmas it has no doubt aided Aaron in keeping his natal day as a holiday from year to year. His educational advantages were limited, as his father died when Aaron was only four years old, and as elsewhere stated the widow and mother could not afford to give her children the advantages of school as she nor they desired, and he early was thrown upon his own support. He married at Colton, O., in 1866, Charity Meach. She was born in Fulton County, Ohio, January 18th, 1846, daughter of Abel and Elizabeth Meach.

He was formerly employed by Beery and Davis in the lumber and timber business at Lindsey and moved from there near LaCarne, Ottawa County, Ohio, where he engaged in farming, after which they moved to Virginia. He was engaged in farming and was a Democrat, residing near Grove, James City County, Virginia. They have no children.

Aaron died at the latter place in the fall of 1903.

ROLANDUS C. (Jonathan, John George; Peter; J. G.), youngest child of Jonathan and Margaret (Geeseman) Overmyer, was born March 3rd, 1848, in Sandusky County, Ohio. His father died when Rolandus was only ten months old and by diligent toil with her needle and weaver's shuttle his mother managed to support the family until the children became self-supporting. Under these circumstances the subject of our sketch had very meagre educational advantages and in a letter from him a short time ago we note that he says he had for one of his teachers Mr. B. B. Overmyer.

At the age of ten Rolandus was thrown upon his own support and began working for the neighbors and from that time worked for various persons from time to time until he married Sept. 20th, 1873, at Coldwater, Mich., Miss Mary Ferguson.

She was born March 10th, 1854, at Bronson, Branch County, Michigan, the daughter of George and Margaret Furgeson. Mr. and Mrs. Overmyer lived in Michigan for some time and from there moved to Nebraska, where she was stricken by the hand of death Sept. 29th, 1888, and her mortal remains repose in the cemetery at Blair, Washington County, Nebraska.

He has been a hard-working man from his youth, a member of the M. E. church and a Democrat. He resides at No. 2013 South street, South Omaha, Nebraska. They had:

Ernest, born May 29, 1874, married, lives at Frankfort, S. D.

Rosamond, born Sept. 23, 1875, married, lives St. Clair Ave. East. St. Louis, Ill.

Deforest, born Sept. 2, 1877.

Margaret Gertrude, born Aug. 2, 1879.

Walter Moreland, born May 22, 1881.

Bertrand, born Aug. 7, 1884.

Jessie, born Aug. 12, 1886.

SARAH (John Geo.; Peter; J. G.), daughter of John Geo. and Catharine Evee (Huffman) Overmyer, was born near Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, Dec. 22nd,1819, and baptized Jan. 30th, 1820, by Rev. A. Henkel of the Lutheran church. She emigrated to Sandusky County with her parents and there married Joseph Stults Oct. 1st, 1837.

He was born in 1816, a son of Peter and Jemima (Meeks) Stults. They moved from Sandusky County, Ohio, to Jay County,

Indiana, where they engaged in farming near Portland. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stults are now deceased. She died Dec. 7th, 1900, and he died Nov. 21st, 1856.

Their children were born as follows: Geo. W., April 11th, 1840, died Oct. 14th, 1856; James, born May 28th, 1842; Mary Eve, born Feb. 18th, 1844; Jemima J., born March 26th, 1847, died June 4th, 1855; Julia Ann, born Feb. 13th, 1849, died Dec. 1st, 1856; William H., born Nov. 27th, 1850; Rhoda Ellen, born April 15th, 1853; Elias N., born March 27th, 1855; Sarah E., born Feb. 10th, 1857.

JOEL (John George; Peter; J. G.), fourth son of John George and Catharine E. (Hoffman) Overmyer; was born in Perry county, Ohio, March 4th, 1822, and came with his parents to Jackson township, Sandusky county, and on June 29th, 1845, married Julia Ann Geeseman, daughter of George and Mary M. Gesseman, residing several years in Sandusky county, but later moved onto a farm near Colton, Henry county, Ohio, where they remained the balance of their lives. They were of the early settlers of Henry county, and experienced the privations of pioneer life. He was always a democrat and filled various minor offices of his township, and had the following children:

Rolin C., born June 13th, 1846.
Wilbert C., born March 9th, 1850.
Leroy E., born August 20th, 1852.
Sarah E., born May 30th, 1854.
Elvina S., born June 11th, 1857.
Edwin F., born April 30th, 1868.
M. S., born January 6th, 1871; died January 12th, 1872.

WILBERT C. (Joel; John George; Peter; J. G.), second son of Joel and Julia Ann (Gesseman) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, March 9th, 1850; came with his parents to Henry county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood on his father's farm, attending the schools of his neighborhood, of Toledo and Oberlin, until March 12th, 1876, he married Mary A. Knauss, daughter of C. H. and Sarah A. (Kemerer) Knauss, born at Millersburg, Pa., March 6th, 1856. He is a traveling salesman,

a member of the I. O. O. F., a republican, and resides at Liberty Center, Ohio. Children:

Daisy E., born April 9th, 1877.

Myrtle M., born November 3rd, 1887.

EDWIN F. Joel; John George; Peter; J. G.), sixth child of Joel and Julia Ann (Geeseman) Overmyer, was born in Henry county, Ohio, April 30th, 1868; was educated in the home schools; also attended school at Valparaiso, Ind. and Toledo, Ohio, until April 25th, 1893, he married at Toledo, O., Hattie E. Youkman, of Delta, O., daughter of David and Mary E. Youkman He is a bookkeeper, a Republican, belongs to the Masonic fraternity and resides at 401 Eastern avenue, Toledo, O.

EPHRAIM (John George; Peter; J. G.), fifth son and ninth child of John George and Catharine E. (Hoffman) Overmyer; was born near Reading, Perry county, Ohio, February 17th, 1825, and baptized in the Lutheran faith as all his brothers and sisters were, by Rev. Andrew Henkel. Came to Sandusky county with his parents, and May 27th, 1847, married in Jackson township to Sarah Ann Walker, daughter of David and Sarah Walker, born September 24th, 1830, in Onondagua county, New York. Later moved on a farm near Geneva, Adams caunty, Ind. Children:

Sarah Jane, born April 2nd, 1848.

Emma Adaline, born May 6th, 1850; died September 21st, 1851.

Chauncey D., born May 29th, 1853.

Clarissa A., born September 7th, 1855; died March 3rd, 1878.

Flora E., born July 9th, 1859.

Mary R., born June 12th, 1862.

Ida E., born April 27th, 1869; died August 16th, 1878.

John C., born August 2nd, 1877.

SARAH J. (Ephraim; John George; Peter; J. G.), daughter of E. and S. Ovemyer; married Wm. Smith, of Huntington, Ind. The children of this marriage are Rosa L., Harriet D., Frederick M., and Frank L. Smith died and in 1883 she again married to Samuel Alberson; have one child, Charles Post office is Mills Corners, Jay county, Ind.

CHAUNCEY DAVID (Ephraim; John George; Peter; J. G.), first son of Ephraim and Sarah A. (Walker) Overmyer; was born in Bear Creek township, Jay county, Indiana, May 29th, 1853, and married Elizabeth Stahl. Their residence is Penfield, Ill. Children: William Ephraim, Ida Ellen, Flora Rosetta and Sarah Ann.

FLORA EMALINE (Ephraim; John G.; Peter; J. G.), daughter of E. and S. Overmyer; on June 25th, 1882, married Isaac Andrew Wible, of Bryan, Jay county, Indiana, and live at Geneva, Adams county, Indiana.

MARY ROSETTA (Ephraim; John George; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Ephraim and Sarah Overmyer; on January 29th, 1881, married Solomon Ellsworth Antels; he died, leaving five children: Manford R., Francis E., Rebecca J., Lloyd A. and Harry. November 18th, 1899, she married Hugh M. Strain, of Portland, Jay county, Indiana.

JOHN CHESTER (Ephraim; John George; Peter; J. G.), youngest son of Ephraim and Sarah (Walker) Overmyer; was born in Bear township, Jay county Indiana, August 2nd, 1877, and on August 16th, 1898, he married Lillie Myrtle McClelland; reside in Blackford county, Ind.; have one daughter, Eva Bell.

GEORGE (John George; Peter; J. G.), the sixth son and tenth child of John George and Catharine E. (Hoffman) Overmyer; was born in Perry county, Ohio, December 4th, 1828, and baptized by Rev. Charles Henkel, and came with his parents to Sandusky county in 1829, where he grew to manhood, and later moved to Bryant, Jay county Ind. Children: Frances, Jane, William and Joel.

JACOB (Peter; J. G.), second son of Peter and Eva (Hennick) Overmyer, was born near Longstown (now New Berlin), Union county, Pa., May 14th, 1786, and came with his parents to Perry county Ohio, in 1801, being about sixteen years old. sometime during the year 1812. He married Catharine Binckly, born in Union conty, Pa., December 2nd, 1792, and later moved to Sandusky county. He bought 160 acres of the government in 1835, and located on section 10 of Sandusky township. He had

a fair German education. They were members of the Lutheran church; a democrat. He died October 11th, 1849, and she May 7th, 1851, and are burried at Muskalunge cemetery Children:

Elizabeth, born November 28th, 1813; died February 14th, 1883.

Peter, born August 4th, 1815.

Jeremiah, born January 25th, 1817.

David, born September 25th, 1821.

John, born March, 20th, 1822.

Benjamin Jackson, born August 30th, 1825.

Mary, born November 13th, 1826.

Martin Van, born September 6th, 1837.

ELIZABETH (Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Binkly) Overmyer, was born near Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, and came with her parents to Sandusky county and married George Reed, born in Northumberland county, Pa., June 3rd, 1806. They located on one hundred acres in section seven of Sandusky township, where they resided nearly the rest of their lives. Were members of the Lutheran church; he a democrat and was very skillfui ln constructing the earlier farm implements, as plows, harrows and grain cradles, of necessity in pioneer days. He died December 8th, 1888, and are both buried in Four-Mile cemetery. Children:

Sarah, born March 5th, 1833; married D. Engler; died April 13th, 1893.

Catharine, born October 12th, 1835; married C. Hineline.

John, born December 21,1836; married S. Lattig; died April 28th, 1895.

Caroline, born October 21, 1838; married B. F. Kessler; died May 17th, 1902.

Elizabeth, born June 2nd, 1842; married F. Rafferty.

Susannah, born July 9th, 1846; died April 30th, 1848.

Mary J., born April 25th, 1850; married (1st) John Carrier (2nd) John Boyer.

PETER (Jacob; Peter; J. G.), first son of Jacob and Catharine (Binkly) Overmyer, was born in Perry county, Ohio. Came to Tiffin, Seneca county, and married Eliza, a widow relict of Louis VanNatta. Lived there eight years, then moved to

Green Springs, where he was a general laborer. Had three children. Died and is buried at Green Springs cemetery.

JEREMIAH (Jacob; Peter; J. G.), second son of Jacob and Catherine (Binkyel) Overmyer; was borin in Perry county, Ohio, January 25th, 1817; came with his parents to Sandusky county, O., August 20th, 1837. Married Jemima Coe, born in Frederick county, Md., September 10th, 1818; were general farmers. He died April 15th, 1886, and she died July 6th, 1894. Children:

Albert, born March 4th, 1839.

Rebecca L., born March 10th, 1811; married D. M. Alton; died February 6th, 1879.

Homer, born May 30, 1844.

George W., born January 12th, 1846.

Richard L., born May 3rd, 1848; died September 22nd, 1848.

Elizabeth S., born August 1st, 1850; died October 13th, 1850.

Eliza A., born August 12th, 1851.

Rachel M., born December 10th, 1853; died April 4th, 1871; burried at Swanton, O.

ALBERT (Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), first born of Jeremiah and Jemima (Coe) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky township March 4th, 1839. On December 4th, 1860, he married Flora A. Beardsley, daughter of Nehemiah and Lodoski (Everett) Beardsley, born March 18th, 1838; resided near Fremont, O. He enlisted November 30th, 1861; reported at Camp Vance, Findlay, Ohio, at once. Was assigned to Co. K, 57th Reg., O. V. I. Transferred to Camp Chase, Columbus, O. There mustered into the United States service February 10th 1862, the regiment numbering 956 men and 38 commissioned officers. Ordered to Paducha, Ky. There the regiment was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 5th division of the army of the Tennessee. Arrived at Pittsburg Landing March 16th. Reconnoitered a few days; went into camp at Shiloh Chapel the 19th. Participated in that great battle April 6th and 7th. From there to Corrinth, Miss., then to Memphis. On January 21st, 1863, advanced to Vicksburg. By December, returned to Chatanooga, next Knoxville, then to Raseca, and to Dallas. The 2nd of September, 1864, at Jonesborough and Eastport. By November 15th had returned by way of Kings-

ton and Kenesaw; again to Raseca, where those whose time of service had expired, were ordered to Nashville, where he was discharged November 29th, 1864. He was one of the many who, after their discharge, surprised all Europe, as many of the old crowned heads prophesied our government would fail when half a million soldiers would be turned loose, but they returned to their respective homes because they loved their country and did all in their power to perpetuate it as the best government on the face of the earth.

Returning to his family near Fremont, O., where he has been a farmer until recently he sold his farm and bought a comfortable home on Stone street, in the suberbs of the city of Fremont, Ohio, where they lead a retired life amid the friends of his early boyhood. Their children:

Norris A., born May 6th, 1862.
Harriet L., born May 31, 1867.
Mary E., born Jan. 1st, 1871.
Charles H., born April 27th, 1873.
Myrtle C., born May 30th, 1875.
Daisy A., born March 18th, 1878; died August 4th, 1880.
Gladys F., born October 25th, 1880; died November 13th, 1883.

NORRIS (Albert; Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), oldest son of Albert and Flora (Beardsly) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, Ohio, May 6th, 1862. Married Emma Swan, May 3rd, 1882, at Luckey, Wood county Ohio. One child, Rhua I., was born January 31st, 1884. He and his wife parted. Again married March 3rd, 1895, at Heber, Ark., to Nina Chessabro. The following children from this union:

Friedell, born Feburay 1st, 1896; died February 8th, 1896.
Velvia, born September 21st, 1898.
Norris A., born July 12th, 1900.
Flora, born April 15th, 1904.
Is a farmer and lumberman, P. O. address Tekoa, Washington.

HARRIET L. (Albert; Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Albert and Flora Overmyer. On December 25th,

Joel Overmyer and Family

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Residence of Joel Overmyer, Seneca, Kansas

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Frederick, Son of H. H. Overmyer

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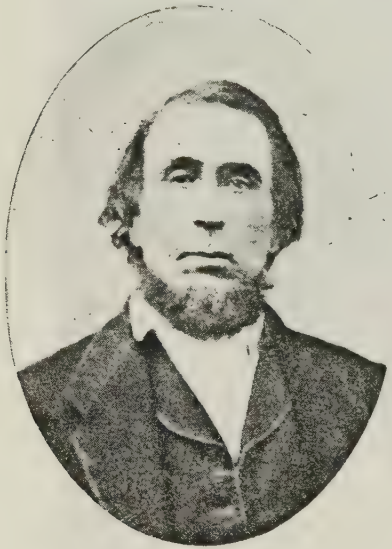

Daniel Overmyer
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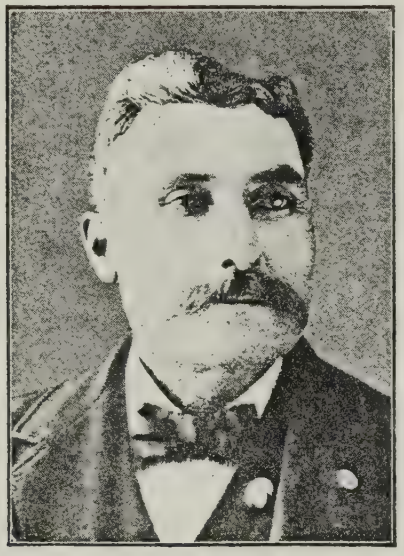

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Overmyer. (See page 86.)

Chauncey W. and Wife.

Ossie W. and Wife.

Jessie W. and Wife.

(Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. See page 86.)

Maria. Eliza E. Henry H. Chauncey. Catharine. Clara I. Mary J.

Children of Peter Overmyer. Taken in 1901. (See pages 71 to 77.)

Sarah (Overmyer) Strohl.
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1889, married Henry Dornmyer. Are farmers and reside in Ottawa county, Ohio. Children:

Gladys C., born January 12th, 1886.

Harry J., born February 21st, 1888.

MARY E. (Albert; Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of A. and F. Overmper. Was born in Swan Creek township, Fulton county, Ohio, and on April 9th, 1889, married Geo. H. Hetrick, son of Henry and Elmira (Waggoner) Hetrick. Born July 9th, 1870. They reside at Lindsay, Ohio, and have the following children:

Henry A., born July 23rd, 1889.

Oral C., born December 25th, 1891.

Flora E., born November 23rd, 1894.

CHARLES H. (Albert; Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter: J. G.), son of Albert and Flora Overmyer, was born in Ballville township, Ohio. Educated in the common schools; later worked at the carpented trade and furniture factory at Fremont, O. Went to Northern Michigan; worked in copper mines, but later engaged in lumbering. On September 13th, 1904, he married Jennie Kingstrand. He is a member of I. O. O. F., and M. W. A., and resides at Alston, Michigan.

MYRTLE C. (Albert; Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of A. and F. Overmyer; was born in Harris township, Ottawa county, Ohio, on September 22nd, 1892. She married Earnest Hillman. He is a farmer and stone mason; belongs to the I. O. O. F and she a Daughter of Rebecca. P. O. address, Oak Harbor, Ohio. Children:

Zurel, born August 5th, 1892.

Esther, born Apr. 15th, 1894.

Irma, born April 28th, 1899.

REBECCA L. (Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G), daughter of Jeremiah and Jemima Overmyer; was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, March 10th, 1841. On May 29th, 1866, married D. M. Aton, of Milroy, Fulton county, Ohio. Children:

William S., born February 24th, 1867.

Amanda E., born November 9th, 1868.

Cora E., born August 15th, 1870.

Levi S., born December 13th, 1877.

HOMER (Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of Jeremiah and Jemima Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, where he grew up and in 1862, went to Fulton county, Ohio. In the spring of 1864, he entered service in Co. K, 169th regiment. Until September, was at Fort Ethan Allen, Va.; was discharged at Cleveland, Ohio, September 15th, 1864. Again re-enlisted; was assigned to Company I, 177th regiment, O. V. I., and served to the close of the war. On April 10th, 1867, he was married by Kaleb M. Keath, J. P., to Edna Beckwith, of Wauseon, Fulton county, Ohio. They have been farmers; he is a democrat, and now resides in Wauseon, leading a retired life. Children:

Silas B., born December 29, 1869.
Estella M., born ———; married Alvin Hill.
Earl H., born May 6th, 1881.
Carl J., born July 17th, 1887.
Nellie F., born February 16th, 1889.

GEORGE WASHINGTON (Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of Jeremiah and Jemima Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, January 12th, 1816. Grew to manhood in the county. On December 28th, 1863, enlisted at Toledo, Ohio; was assigned to Co. G, 128th regiment, O. V. I.; was discharged July 14th, 1864, at Columbus, Ohio. On December 25th, 1873, at Lindsey, O., by Joel Burket, J. P., he was married to Anna Catharine Bowman, daughter of Solomon and Matilda (Binkly) Bowman, born December 25th, 1850. Resided near Lindsey a few years, then sold their farm and moved to Madison county, Alabama. Later returned to Sandusky county, Ohio, farming for several years; then moved near Payne, Paulding county, Ohio, where they still reside. Children:

Reuben B., born October 21st, 1874, in Sandusky county, O.
Nettie E., born February 10th, 1876, in Madison county, Ala.
Jeremiah, born July 10th, 1879, in Madison county, Ala.
Laura H., born May 19th, 1882, in Sandusky county, Ohio.
Harry, born February 16th, 1884, in Sandusky county, Ohio.
Mabel E., born May 4th, 1890, in Paulding county, Ohio.

REUBEN B. (George W.; Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of Geo. W. and A. C. Overmyer; lived with his parents in Madison county Ala., Sandusky and Paulding counties, Ohio.

Received a common school education and on July 20th, 1895, he married Daisy Evans, daughter of Samuel A. and Sophronia (Duncan) Evans, of Paulding county, Ohio. Children:

Estella, born March 7th, 1896.

Alfred, born April 11th, 1898.

His wife died and he is still single.

NETTIE E. (George W.; Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Geo. W. and A. C. Overmyer; was born in Madison county, Ala.; went with her parents to Palding county, Ohio, and on March 20th, 1897, at Paulding, O., married Wm. Glover, son of Wm. R. and Emma (Tilton) Glover, born in Blackford county, Ind., December 2nd, 1873. Children:

Christian, born April 25th, 1898.

Infant, born January 2nd, 1900.

ELIZA A. (Jeremiah; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of J. and J. Overmyer; was born in Sandusky county, O., and on November 21st, 1868, married A. J. Pennock; had two children, Elva E. and Nettie B. Then he died on February 9th, 1882. She married Harvy Long, of Harris township, Ottawa county, O, who served in the 3rd Ohio cavlalry during the civil war. Children:

Ethel A., born July 3rd, 1884.

Maud P., born April 22nd, 1886.

Jemima E., born July 22nd, 1889.

DAVID (Jacob; Peter; J. G.), third son and fourth child of Jacob and Catharine (Binkly) Overmyer was born in Perry conty O., September 5th, 1821. Came with his parents to Sandusky county, O., where he grew to manhood and married Mary Theresa Albert. Had one child, Sarah A. His wife died June 5th, 1848. Later he married Elizabeth Gahn, and they had the following children:

John F.; died in infancy.

Jessiah, born August 28th, 1854.

Conrad, born Nov. 10th, 1855.

Catharine, born October 13th, 1857; married Philip Stahl; died April 26th, 1905.

David, born October 6th, 1861.

Peter, born November 10th, 1864.
Mary; married J. L. Dunham, of Oak Harbor.
Aaron, born June 10th, 1872.

SARAH A. (David; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), only child of David and Theresa (Albert) Overmyer, was born in Rice township, Sandusky county, O., November 6th, 1847; was educated in the common schools and at the proper age, as all her brothers and sisters and parents had done, became a member of the Lutheran church, and on August 17th, 1875, at Fremnot, O., by Rev. H. Lang, was married to Phillip Garner, born November 26th, 1849, in Nassan, Germany, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Garner. Children:

John H., born February 8th, 1876.
Laura A., born October 19th, 1881.
Josiah W., born October 11th, 1877; died September 1st, 1880.
David F., born April 14th, 1879; died June 3rd, 1880.
Louisa, born November 1st, 1880; died October 4th, 1881.
Mary, born June 9th, 1883; died February 4th, 1899.
Charles, born May 16th, 1885.
Christena, born February 28th, 1888.
Pearl J., born June 20th, 1889.

JESSIAH (David; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of David and Elizabeth (Gahn) Overmyer; was born in Rice township, Sandusky county, O., August 28th, 1851, and grew to manhood and was educated in the rural schools, and on October 17th, 1878, was married by Rev. H. Lang, to Emma Gross, daughter of John and Catherine (Wolfe) Gross. He principally works at farming. Is a carpenter and machinist. Is a staunch democrat, and has held various offices of the township. They are members of the Lutheran church. Children:

Estella L., born September 9th, 1879.
Ida M., born March 18th, 1881.
Elizabeth C., born June 19th, 1885.
Fannie Lovina, born April 14, 1890.

ESTELLA L. (Jeremiah; David; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), first child of Jessiah and Emma (Gross) Overmeyer, was born in

Rice Twp., Sandusky Co., O., Sept. 9, 1879, and baptized Sept. 25 following by Rev. Althoff, was educated in the common schools of the vicinity, and on Apr. 10, 1901, married Samuel Franklin Miller of the same Twp. by Rev. W. A. Bowman, of the Lutheran church. They are farmers and reside in Rice Twp., Sandusky Co., O., on the Nathan Miller homestead and have one child.

IDA M. (Jessiah; David; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), second daughter of Jessiah and Emma Overmyer, was born in Rice Twp., Sandusky Co., Ohio, Mar. 18, 1881, was educated in the common schools of the township and on June 12, 1900, married Ludwig Glasser by Rev. W. A. Bowman. They are farmers and reside in said township; they are members of the Lutheran church and have one son born Dec. 1900.

Jessiah Overmyer have raised, Olive Irene Gross, daughter of Charles and Emma Gross, born June 28, 1893, her parents are both dead; she was taken by them when but seven weeks old.

CONRAD (David; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of David and Elizabeth (Gahn). Was married to Rosa Gross, November 6th, 1879, in Rice township, Sandusky county, O., and have the following children:

Edna M., born September 18th, 1880.
John D., born October 29th, 1881.
Wm. F., born January 28th, 1885.
Irvin H., born September 25th, 1887.
Catharine E., born October 27th, 1889.
Annie L., born July 25th, 1892.
Clarence A., born October 28th, 1893.
Verna E., born February 22nd, 1895.
Lulu J., born December 18th, 1897.
Harold C., bornOctober 10th, 1901; died December 3rd, 1901.

EDNA M., married John T. Cochran, March 16th, 1899; died October 3rd, 1901.

DAVID (David; ———; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of David and Elizabeth (Gahn) Overmyer, was born in Rice township, Sandusky county, O., October 6th, 1861. Was educated in the common schools. Was a carpenter, machinist and now a

farmer. On February 19th, 1885, at Fremont, O., by Rev. H. Lang, he was married to Frederica Moerder, daughter of Joseph and Rosa (Gross) Moerder, born September 23rd, 1865, of German descent. They are members of the Lutheran church. He is a democrat. Reside on their farm one and a half miles northeast of Kingsway. Children:

Clara E., born December 22nd, 1885.
Wm. C., born August 24th, 1888.
Martha E., born July 27th, 1890; died January 22nd, 1901.
Raymond W., born August 1st, 1892.
Carlson D., born October 20th, 1894.

PETER (David; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of David and Elizabeth (Gahn) Overmyer, was born in Rice township, November 10th, 1864, and on March 15th, 1888, was married to Lucinda Engler, daughter of Fred. and Mary (Leonard) Engler, born April 7th, 1869. They are membars of the Lutheran church; a democrat; and are prosperous farmers. Reside in Rice township. Children:

Lillian M., born April 28th, 1889.
Ralph R., born February 8th, 1891.
Ealthy R., born August 21st, 1892.
Harry A., born February 1st, 1895.
Cora M., born March 8th, 1897.
Ida I., born March 7th, 1899.

AARON (David; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), sixth son and eighth child of David and Elizabeth (Gahn) Overmyer, was born in Rice township, June 10th, 1872, and on November 25th, 1896, by Rev. W. A. Bowman, married Amelia Lamlie, daughter of Phillip and Rose Lamalie, born in Rice township, April 25th, 1880. They reside on the old David Overmyer homestead. Are farmers. Member of the Lutheran cuhrch; a democrat, and one child:

Ada Rozella, born March 15th, 1904.

JOHN (Jacob; Peter; J. G.), fourth son and fifth child of Jacob and Catherine (Binkly) Overmyer; was born in Perry county, Ohio, March 20th, 1822; came to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1835, and with his parents located on the southwest fourth of section 10 of Rice township, which his father had

bought of the government. Here he experienced the privations of pioneer life. Received a limited education. On April 27th, 1848, he married Elizabeth Hensel, daughter of Daniel and Christena (Reed) Hensel, born December 5th, 1830. He was a farmar and mechanic. In 1878, he sold his farm to Daniel Hensel and moved to Sand Spring, Limestone county, Ala., where he was appointed Post Master in 1881, and held the office to his death. He belonged to the Reformed church, the Grange lodge, and was always a democrat. Died September 1st, 1896, and is buried at Sand Spring, Limestone county, Alabama. Children:

John D., born January 19th, 1849; died January 6th, 1878.
George, born November 17th, 1850; died March 13th, 1851.
Sarah J., born January 2nd, 1852.
Charles F., born March 18th, 1854.
Christena A., born May 17th, 1856; married Daniel Lattig.
Rosetta, born February 22nd, 1858; lives at Carter, Ala.
James D., born May 20th, 1861.
William H., born February 3rd, 1864; is at Indianapolis, Ind.
Emma E., born June 11th, 1866; married ——— Millow, South Bend, Ind.

JOHN D. (John; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of John and Elizabeth (Hensel) Overmyer; was born in Rice township, Sandusky county, O. Married Malinda King, daughter of Peter and Mary (Shoemaker) King. Lived on a rented farm near Fremont Fair Grounds and died there of typhoid fever, January 6th, 1878.

SARAH J. (John; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Jno. and Elizabeth Overmyer. Married John J. Overmyer, her own cousin, who died at Sand Spring, Ala., leaving five children. (See John in line of Ben. J., following this.)

CHARLES F. (John; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of John and Elizabeth (Hensel) Overmyer: was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, March 18th, 1854. Resides at Upper Sandusky, O.

JAMES D. (John; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), son of John and Elizabeth (Hensel) Overmyer; was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 20th, 1861; received a common school education, and

went with his parents to Sand Spring, Ala., in 1878. On December 18th, 1884, he married Laura Bell Hover, daughter of Leason and Ellen Hover, born at Manchester, Ind., December 1st, 1859. They belong to the Christian church; is a farmer; a democrat; and was appointed Post Master of Sand Spring P. O. at the death of his father. Children:

Elizabeth E., born August 3rd, 1885.

Albert, born March 16th, 1887.

James D. and Laurance (twins) born February 13th, 1889; Laurance died February 14th, 1889.

John W., born April 8th, 1891.

Laura B., born September 17th, 1892.

Emma S., born July 23rd, 1894.

Edgar W., born October 15th, 1897.

Charles O., born September 11th, 1898.

Their P. O. is Sand Spring, Limestone county, Ala.

BENJ. JACK (Jacob; Peter; J. G.), fifth son and sixth child of Jacob and Catharine (Binkly) Overmyer; was born near New Reading, Perry county, Ohio, August 30th, 1825. Came with his parents to Sandusky county; received a limited education. On May 8th, 1848, he married Judith Hensel, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Hensel, born in Northumberland county Pa., October 7th, 1823. Resided in Sandusky county for some time, then moved near Liberty Center, Henry county, Ohio, where they still reside. They are members of the Lutheran church. He is a farmer and a democrat. Children:

John J., born February 25th, 1849.

Edwin, born May 21st, 1851; died in infancy.

Adam, born May 16th, 1852.

Emma, born February 6th, 1857.

Benjamin H., born April 6th, 1860.

JOHN J. (Benjamin J.; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), first child of Benjamin J. and Judith (Hensel) Overmyer. Married his cousin, Sarah J., daughter of John Overmyer, in Sandusky county, Ohio. They had the following children:

Leander, Charles, Claud, Rosa and Franklin.

John J. died in Henry county, Ohio, January 1st, 1892, and is buried in Union cemetery.

ADAM (Benjamin J.; Peter; J. G.), third son of Benjamin J. and Judith (Hensel) Overmyer; was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 16th, 1852; went with his parents to Henry county, O.; reecived a common school education and on October 17th, 1876, at Wauseon, O., married Drucilla J. Yaney, daughter of John and Isabella Yaney, born in Mercer county, O., January 8th, 1857. He is a farmer, a democrat and have the following children:

Fred. E., born April 19th, 1878.
Adella L., born April 4th, 1880.
Myrtle, born May 8th, 1882.
Ogle F., born January 17th, 1887.
Bulah B., born April 8th, 1892.
Arthur J., born November 2nd, 1897.

ADELLA L. (Adam; Benjamin J.; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Adam and Drucilla (Yaney) Overmyer; was born near Liberty Center, O. Received a common school education and on October 14th, 1897, at Napoleon, Henry county O., married Edward Bolley, born November 8th, 1870. Their P. O. address is Mungen, Wood county, Ohio. One child:

Mabel M., born April 8th, 1898.

EMMA (Benjamin J., Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Benjamin J. and Judith Overmyer. Married John W. Mohler, December 26th, 1875. Had one child, Estella, born June 14th, 1878; she died February 21st, 1898; buried in Union cemetery, Henry county, O.

BENJAMIN H. (Benjamin J.; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), fourth son and fifth child of Benjamin J. and Judith (Hensel) Overmyer; was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, April 6th, 1860, and came to Henry county O., and on November 30th, 1882, at Liberty Center, O., married Mary E. Mohler, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary M. Mohler, born January 19th, 1855; they had a common school education; are farmers, and he is a democrat. Children:

Robert L., born April 18th, 1883.
Sadie P., born March 19th, 1886.

MARY (Jacob; Peter; J. G.), second daughter and seventh child of Jacob and Catharine (Binkly) Overmyer; was born near New Reading, Perry county, O., November 13th, 1826. Came with her parents to Sandusky county in 1835, and later married Joseph Fisher. Had two children: Mary E. and Adam. She died April 20th, 1853, and is buried in Muskalunge cemetery, two miles north of Fremont, O.

MARTIN V. (Jacob; Peter; J. G.), sixth son and eighth child of Jacob and Catharine (Binkly) Overmyer; was born in Sandusky county, O., September 6th, 1837; grew to manhood and attended the common schools of his neighborhood and learned the wagon makers' trade. On April 8th, 1855, he married Sarah Hensel, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Hensel, born July 3rd, 1835, in Sandusky county, Ohio, residing there several years; then moved to Henry county, Ohio, and later to Cygnet, Wood county, O., where they still reside. They are members of the Lutheran church. He is a Bryan democrat, and have the following children:

Infant son, born February 21st, 1856; died March 3rd, 1856.
Mary I., born May 23rd, 1857.
Sarah E., born November 19th, 1859.
Ellen C., born February 17th, 1862.
Judith A., born July 1st, 1864; died January 23rd. 1882.
Lewis F. and Lucy F. (twins) born June 16th, 1867.
Caroline E., born November 7th, 1869.
Lucinda M., born June 13th, 1872.
Cora R. and Dora R. (twins) born March 16th, 1875; Cora R died August 7th, 1875.
Iva V., born January 15th, 1878.

MARY I. (Martin V.; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), first daughter of Martin V. and Sarah (Hensel) Overmyer. On March 10th, 1876, at Liberty Center O., married Frank Donnley, son of Solomon and Lucinda Donnley, born September 4th, 1855. They are members of the Deciple church. Reside at Luzerne, Oceola Michigan. Children:

Nellie M., born March 9th, 1877.
Sarah E., born August 18th, 1878.

SARAH E. (Martin V.; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Martin V. and Sarah (Hensel) Overmyer. On March 23rd, 1876, at Liberty Center O., married George Mohler, son of Jeremiah and Mary M. Mohler. They reside at Sugar Ridge, O., and have the following children:

Eva A., born December 16th, 1876.
Frederick E., born July 10th, 1882.
Lottie F., born April 25th, 1885.
Dorr W., born June 7th, 1886; died October 5th, 1886.
Nellie B., born Decemberr 12th, 1892.

ELLEN C. (Martin V.; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Martin V. and Sarah (Hensel) Overmyer; was born in Sandusky county, O. On February 19th, 1882, at Liberty Center, O., married Uriah Sohn, son of Henry and Lucinda Sohn, born April 17th, 1855, and died January 2nd, 1894. Children:

Harry F., born November 9th, 1882.
Charles A., born February 26th, 1884.
C. H., born March 29th, 1887.
Elmer M., born February 11th, 1891.
Sarah L., born June 11th, 1892.
George N., born April 28th, 1894; died August 27th, 1894.

LUCY F. (Martin V.; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), seventh child of Martin V. and Sarah (Hensel) Overmyer. Married Frances Helm, October 23rd, 1887, at Liberty Center, Henry county, O. Children:

Bessie M., born March 14th, 1888.
Cecelia E., born April 20th, 1890.
Jennie L., born May 11th, 1893.

CAROLINE E. (Martin V.; Jacob; Peter; J. G.), eighth child of Martin V. and Sarah (Hensel) Overmyer; was born near Liberty Center, Henry county, O., November 7th, 1869; was educated at the common schools of that county. On November 17th, 1887, at Liberty Center, O., married H. Furney. They are mambars of the U. B. church. Reside at North Baltimore, Wood county, O. Children:

Maud B., born June 28th, 1889.

Alta M., born May 7th, 1891.
Ruby L., born May 29th, 1894.

JOHN (Peter; J. G.), third son of Peter and Mary Eva (Hennig) Overmyer; was born in Northumberland, now Union county, Pa., April 10th, 1788, and at the age of thrirteen years came with his parents to Perry county, O., where he grew to manhood, inured to the inconveniencies and hardships incident to pioneer life. In 1809 he married a Miss Gensel, and to them were born the following children:

Benjamin, born October 15th, 1808.
Solomon, born ——, 1810.
Daniel, born ——, 1812.
John, born ——, 1814.
George, born May 6th, 1817.
Samuel, born ——, ——.
Margaret married Daniel Raymond.
Maria married Samuel Passley in Indiana.
Salome died single; burried at Tarlton, O.
Barbara married Daniel Pickle; both burried at Tarlton, O.
Sophia married a Mr. Aldridge.
Catherine married 1st, Mr. Waters; 2nd, Mr. Birt.

He served as a soldier in the war of 1812 with England.

This branch of the family, and their decendants had their residences for a long time in the counties of Perry, Pickaway and Fairfield, in Ohio.

In 1849, his wife having been dead some years, he removed with his son George, to Jackson county, Indiana, where he died in 1858. He was a farmer, a woodwoker and a sober, industrious useful citizen.

BENJAMIN (John; Peter; J. G.), first son of John and M. (Gansel) Overmyer, was born October 15th, 1808, and grew to manhood near Circleville, Pickaway county, O., and on Nov. 26, 1828, at Circleville, O., he married Elizabeth Stauffer, daugrter of Peter Stauffer, born in Schuylkill county, Pa., July 17, 1808. He was a farmer, a member of the Lutheran church, a democrat. Died May 27, 1854, and is buried at Greenlawn cemetery, Columbus, O., and had the following children:

Harriet, born April 13, 1830.
Eliza, born July 30, 1831.
Susan, born September 21, 1833; married Christian Hanover.
Mary, born September 19, 1834.
Lydia, born February 13, 1836; married Mr. Livingston.
Rachel, born May 19, 1837.
Noah, born August 2, 1839; Union soldier; died in Arkansas.
Peminah, born November 22, 1840; married Peter Webber.
Nelson, born July 27, 1842.
Amos, born June 7, 1844.

HARRIET (Benjamin; John; Peter; J. G.), first child of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Stauffer) Overmyer, was born near Circleville, O., April 13, 1830, where she grew to womanhood and married Charles A. Woodward, who has since died. She now resides at 349 W Fourth avenue, Columbps, O.

NELSON F. (Benjamin; John; Peter; J. G.), second son ninth child of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Stauffer) Overmyer was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, July 27, 1842, where he grew to manhood and served as a soldier in the civil war from April, 1861, to July, 1865, being a member of Co. F, 11th Reg., O. V. I.; after the war at Hendricks County, Indiana, he married Hattie A. Salmon, daughter of Robert and Precilla Salmon; two children, Carrie E., who married Richard Hollywood in June, 1899, and Willie, born 1874, died in 1875. They are members of the Methodist church; are Odd Fellows; a Republican; is employed by the United States Express Co., and resides at 2609 College Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

SOLOMON (John; Peter; J. G.), son of John and Mary (Gensel) Overmyer, was born near Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, and after the Mexican war, when the California gold fever raged throughout the land, he was taken with the desire, and started with several others overland, and was never heard from; is supposed to have perished on the plains.

DANIEL (John; Peter; J. G.), second son of John Overmyer, was born in Perry county, O., in 1812, where he grew to manhood. Later went to Pickaway county, O., and married

there. Then moved to Illinois, where they remained during life. She died in 1850, and Daniel was found dead in 1870, murdered for some money he had at the time. They had the following hcildren:

George; last lived in Guthrie county, Iowa.
Jonathan M., born January 14th, 1838.
Martha Jane.
Anna.
Quincy Albert, born August 8th, 1846.

JONATHAN MOORE (Daniel; John; Peter; J. G.), second son of Daniel Overmyer, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, January 14th, 1834; went with his parents to Illinois where he grew to manhood, and later went to Stockton, San Joaquin county Cal., where, on February 14th, 1866, he married Sarah Martha Douglass, daughter of Geo. Newton and Charlotte (Stone) Douglass, born July 27th, 1848. They are protestants; farmers; he a democrat. P. O. address, Galt, Sac county Cal. Children:

George Rufus, born January 10th, 1868.
Alice, born January 30th, 1870.
Edgar Lewis, born April 27th, 1872.
Frank Elmer, born March 22, 1874.
Cora Ellen, born August 22nd, 1876; died March 11th, 1902.
Timothy Guy, born September 14th, 1881; died September 29th, 1902.

EMMA A. (Jonathan M.; Daniel; John; Peter; J. G.), second child of Jonathan M. and Sarah M. (Douglass) Overmyer, was born January 30th, 1870, and on June 15th, 1896, in Sacramento, Cal., married Edward Ellsworth Baird. They have two children:

Emma Merle, born February 27th, 1897.
Lloyd Edward, born July 27th, 1899.

EDGAR L. (Jonathan M.; Daniel; John; Peter; J. G.), second son and third child of Jonathan M. and Sarah M. Overmyer, was born April 27th, 1872, and on February 21st, 1899, in Grass Valley, Nevada county, Cal., married Josie Hoskins; have one child: Bernice Marie.

QUINCY A. (Daniel; John; Peter; J. G.), third son and fifth child of Daniel Overmyer, was born in Illinois, August 8th, 1846; went to California when quite young, where he received a fair education, and during the civil war was a member of Co. K, 8th regiment, C. V. I. After the war located at Ukiah, Mendocino county, Cal., where on May 25th, 1873, he married Leonora Augustus Jamison, daughter of James Alton and Massay Jamison, born at Coulterville, Mariposa county, Cal., January 16th, 1855. They are Protestants. He a democrat, and by trade a carpenter. Had held the office of constable. Was Deputy Sheriff 6 years. At times special guard for "Well-Fargo." He was shot and killed by stage robbers while making a special transfer of $15,000 for said company, March 24th, 1903. Had the following children:

Lulu Gertrude, born June 7th, 1874.
Leo, born September 14th, 1876; died August 11th, 1877.
Elsie Marribella, born July 20th, 1879.
Edna Ilene, born October 9th, 1882.
Nellie, born January 4th, 1886.

LULU G. (Quincy A.; Daniel; John; Peter; J. G.), first child of Quincy A. and Leonora A. Overmyer. On September 1st, 1895, married Frank Elmer Howell. Have one child:

James Myras, born September 21st, 1901.

ELSIE M. (Quincy A.; Daniel; John; Peter; J. G.), third child of Quincy A. and Leonora Overmyer. On June 2nd, 1901, married Frank Homer Collier. Have one child:

Erlo Fay, born July 26th, 1903.

EDNA I. (Quincy A.; Daniel; John; Peter; J. G.), fourth child of Quincy A. and Leonora A. Overmyer. On Septetmber 21st, 1901, married Edward Yerby Bush. Have one child:

Edna Zora, born August 21st, 1902.

NELLIE (Quincy A.; Daniel; John; Peter; J. G.), fifth child of Quincy A. and Leonora A. Overmyer. On December 20th, 1903, married Ralph Bee Cleveland. They have one child:

Verna Merle, born November 2nd, 1904.

BENJAMIN (John; Peter; J. G.), son of John Overmyer, was born near Circleville, Ohio; was married there, and had one son, Noah, who was a soldier inthe Union army. After the war he went to Arkansas. Died there unmarried. Benjamin died at Columbus, Ohio.

GEORGE (John; Peter; J. G.), fourth son of John Overmyer, was born near Circleville, Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1817. About 1843, he married Harriet Camp, of the same place and resided there until 1849, when he, with his father who was a widower at the time, went to Indiana and located in Jackson county, his father remaining a widower und lived wth him until he died in 1858. George was a farmer and carpenter of the old style, erecting many of the old frame buildings now considered out of date. They were members of the Lutheran church; he a Jefferson and Jackson democrat and had the following children:

John, born November 18th, 1844.
David, born May 1st, 1847.
Jacob; died when 4 years old.
Susannah, born September 1st, 1851.

Mrs. Harriet (Camp) Overmyer died October 13, 1852.

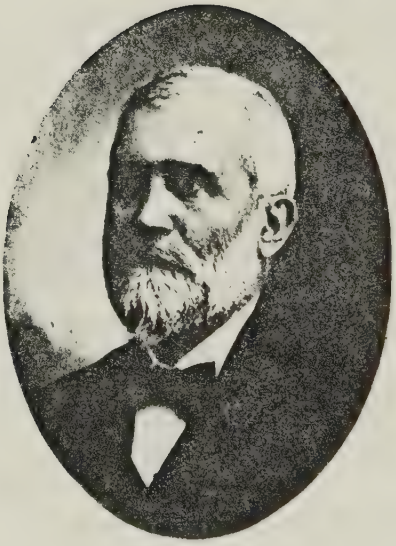
For his second wife, he married Catharine Swengel, of Reddington, Jackson county, Ind., and had the following children:

Harriet, born April 3rd, 1855.
Amos, born March 3rd, 1857.
James B, born October 31st, 1859.
Barbara, born April 5th, 1865.
Isabella, born February 17th, 1867.
Ira; married a Miss Sparks; died.
Marie, born February 12th, 1873.
Noah.

In 1854 he married his second wife, who was born October 3, 1834, and she died January 15, 1875, and he died January 16, 1879.

JOHN (Geo; John; Peter; J. G.), lawyer, of North Vernon, Indiana, is a son of George and Harriet (Camp) Overmyer, and was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, November 18, 1844.

In 1849 he removed with his fatther's family to Jackson



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county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood, working on a farm and attending the common schools in the winters. Sylvanus Voorhees, a very intelligent, scholarly and moral man, was his teacher, and he prepared Mr. Overmyer so well to enter college, that he started in, far ahead of the freshman class, except in Greek and Latin.

In 1863 he netered Asbury (now DePauw) University at Greencastle, Indiana, taking the regular cassical course, and graduating in June, 1867. In college he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi, Greek fraternity, and was vice president of the fraternity National convention in 1867, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

At once after leaving college he began the study of law. He was a student in the law office of Ray, Gordon & March,, all three great lawyers at Indianapolis; and was also for a time in the law office of Morton, Martindale & Tarkington, Morton being the famous "War Governor" of Indiana, and at that time a member of the United States Senate. He also attended law school at Idianapolis, and in the year 1868, he was admitted to the bar in Jennings county, where he has since resided, and continuously practiced his profession. He now has law offices at Indianapolis, and at his home city, North Vernon.

In 1868 he was elected as a Republican to represent his county in the Legislature of Indiana, serving the two sessions of that term, and being made chairman of the committee on the organization of courts.

In June 1870 he was given the degree of Master of Arts by Asbury University, and delivered the Masters oration for his class.

In the spring of 1870 he was renominated for the Legislature, but his county being close politically, and the Republican party being split into two factions he was defeated at the election on the second Tuesday in October. In that campaign he also served as Vernon township's member of the Republican County Central Committee.

On October 30, 1870, he was married at Greencastle, Indiana, to Miss Mary F. Sherfey. She was a daughter of David and Mary (McNeill) Sherfey, who came to Indiana from Frederick county, Maryland, in pioneer days. To this union there were born three daughters. Florence was born March 4, 1872.

She was married to Mr. Albert B. Cutter, February 17, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Cutter reside at Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Cutter is secretary and treasurer of the National Milling Company. Mary was born September 23, 1873, and died December 8, 1879. Isabel was born July 20, 1875, and ever since the marriage of Florence she has been the head of her father's household, her mother having died in 1891.

In 1872-3 Mr. Overmyer served two sessions as reading clerk in the Indiana State Senate. In 1875 he was elected principal secretary of the Indiana State Senate and served two sessions. In 1876 he was again elected to the Indiana Legislature and was chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives, at each of the two sessions during that trem. In the same year he was also chairman of the Republican Central Committee of his county.

In 1878 he was a member of the Republican State Central Committee, was again elected to the Legislature, and was caucus nominee of his party for Speaker of the House at each of the two sessions, being thus dsignatd as the leader of his party, which was then in the minority.

In 1880, his long experience in the Legislature having given him a wide acquaintance in his state and great familiarity with parliamentary and public affairs, it had been arranged by his friends that he should be nominated for Lieutenant Governor of Indiana with General Morton C. Hunter for Governor. But shortly before the convention General Hunter was striken with illness from which he never recovered. At that time the state of politics was such in Indiana that it was deemed necessary by the Republicans that either the candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor should have been a Union soldier in the Civil War. General Hunter being unable to make the canvas, Albert G. Porter, a distinguished civilian, who had no war record was nominated for Governor, and that upset the plan to make Mr. Overmyer Lieutenant Governor, but he entered the general canvass with "vim and vigor," making speeches throughout Indiana advocating the election of Garfield and Arthur, and the Republican ticket. In 1882 he was elected chairman of the Indiana Republican State Central Committee, and served two years, attending the Republican National Convention at Chicago

in that capacity in 1884, and supporting the nomination of James G. Blaine. After the expiration of his term as State Chairman he was, in July, 1884, appointed by Hon. John C. New, then State Chairman, as a member of the Republican State Executive Committee, and made a general canvass of Indiana for Blaine and Logan, which was to him a labor of love, as he greatly admired them both.

In the winter of 1884 he was admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington on motion of Benjamin Harrison, who was afterwards president of the United States.

In 1885 he became president of the Jennings County Bank, at North Vernon, Ind., and served as such until 1892, when that institution was merged with the First National Bank of North Vernon, and he then became president of the last mentioned bank. In 1897 he resigned the bank presidency in order to devote himself wholly to the law and public affairs. He has helped organize four banks in his county, preparing their by-laws, etc., and is now a stockholder in each of the four banks in his county.

In 1886 he again became a member of the Indiana Republican State Central Committee, and in 1888 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, which nominated General Benjamin Harrison for the Presidency, voting for him on every ballot, until he secured the nomination on the 8th ballot.

Mr. Overmyer belonged to the liberal or "Tariff Reform" wing of the Republican party and was not in accord with the platform adopted in 1888, though a personal friend of General Harrison, for whom he voted at the election in November of that year. Together with Chester A. Arthur, Judge Folger, Hugh McCulloch, Walter Q. Gresham and many other Republicans, Mr. Overmyer believed that the tariff ought to be lowered, and not increased, keeping in view the necessity of moderate protection. He therefore opposed the high tariff program set on foot in 1889, and in the political campaign of 1890 he wrote for the press a series of letters advocating a reform, and reduction of the tariff, which attracted wide attention, being extensively copied and reproduced.

1892 he canvassed the state of Indiana for Grover Cleveland on the issue of "Tariff Reform."

In 1894 he was appointed as a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee by Thomas Taggart, who was then State Chairman of Democracy.

In 1896 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, which nominated William Jennings Bryan for the Presidency, and served as Indiana's member of the Committee on Organization. Mr. Overmyer became a candidate for delegate to that convention at the request of his strong personal friend Governor Claude Matthews, of Indiana, whom he supported for the presidential nomination. Mr. Overmyer, like William C. Whitney, and many other Democratic leaders, had been an advocate of International Bi-metallism, but when the convention that nominated Mr. Bryan declared for Independent Bimetallism he accepted that program, and, at his own expense, canvassed the state of Indiana for Mr. Bryan.

In 1898 he was a member of the Advisory Committee of the Indiana Democratis State Central Committee. That was the year of the Spanish War, and Mr. Overmyer again, at his own expense, made a canvas of his state, urging upon the Democracy everywhere not to abandon their noble expansion record, that they had made, under the lead of Jefferson, Jackson, Polk, Cass and Douglas.

In 1900 he served as Indiana's member of the Democratic National Committee at the National Convention at Kansas City, and helped organize that convention with Mr. Bryan's friends in full control. That convention declared "Anti-Imperialism" to be the "paramount issue." Mr. Overmyer being an expansionist, had no sort of belief in the "Anti-Imperialism" issue, and took little part in the campaign. In political beliefs Mr. Overmyer is an expansionist, and always has been. In 1867 one of his college speeches was in favor of the acquisition of Alaska. He believes in a gradual increase of our navy, and that our standing army should be increased steadily to 100,000 men, supplemented with a good militia system in each state.

As to the tariff, he is a moderate protectionist, and believes that our present tariff is excessive, in many lines, and that it should be revised and reduced.

He stands for Indivilualism as against Socialism in any of its forms.

.. He is a firm supporter of Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft, in their efforts to curb and restrain the railroad and other great corporations, and make them all agencies of good for our people. Such being his views he, of course, supported Roosevelt and Fairbanks in the presidential campaign of 1904.

He is a friend of the churches, aids them all so far as he can, and is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church in his home city .

Mr. Overmyer has been a diligent student of history and public affairs from his youth up. He is a wide reader, and takes much interest in travel, and in the observation of men and their actions.

In 1896, when a young member of the Indiana Legislature, he made his first trip to Washington, D. C., and personally saw Ulysses S. Grant when he had just entered upon his first term in the Presidency, Schuyler Colfax presiding in the Senate as Vice-president, and James G. Blaine just entering upon his splendid career as Speaker of the House. In the Senate he saw and heard William Pitt Fessenden, of Maine, Allen G. Thurman and John Sherman of Ohio, Roscoe Conkling of New York, George F. Edmonds of Vermont, and Charles Sumner of Massachusetts. In the Supreme Court he saw Salmon P Chase presiding as Chief Justice. In the House of Representatives he saw Robert C Schenck of Ohio, then Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, carry through the "act to strengthen the public credit," which was afterwards called the "Gold Bill."

He has an estate of eighty acres of land, partly in the corporation of the city of North Vernon, most beautifully situated, upon which is his residence, "White Hall." Here he began house-keeping in November 1870, with the young wife, who passed to the "Great Beyond" in 1891, and here expects to end his days.

DAVID (George; John; Peter; J. G.), second son of George and Harriet (Camp) Overmyer, was born May 1st, 1847, near Circleville, Pickaway county, Ohio.

In 1849, his father and family removed to Jackson county, Indiana, where David grew up to manhood. The trip from Ohio to Indiana was overland; the conveyance a covered wagon. David was brought up on his father's farm and worked thereon from earliest childhood till his nineteenth year. He attended the public schools during the winter months, and sometimes a month or so in the fall or spring, having mostly good teachers; one in particular, Sylvanus Voorhees, whose enthusasism for and devotion to education was very inspiring. Through his assistance David was qualified to teach, and at the age of seventeen taught a district school.

In September, 1865, he entered Asbury, (now DePau), University, at Greencastle, Indiana, where he attended at intervals during five terms; during the intervals between teaching and while in college working at such work as he could get to do to earn a livelihood and pay his way at the University. When he quit the University he was a member of the junior class.

On leaving college he taught school and studied law. In September, 1869, he was admitted to the bar at Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana, and in 1870 began the practice at North Vernon, Indiana; where he continued the practice of the law until his removal from the State.

In 1874 he was married to Alice Hicks, of North Vernon, Indiana. The issue of this marriage has been five children Susie, the first born, died when a little more than three and a half years old. The surviving children are: George Edward Overmyer, graduate of Topeka High School, some time a student at the Kansas State University, and now a practicing lawyer, his father's law partner; Amy Overmyer, graduate of The College of the Sisters of Bethany of Topeka, Kansas; Grace Overmyer and David Hicks Overmyer, both students of the Topeka High School.

While residing in Indiana, the subject of this sketch, took little part in politics; though he was a republican canditdate for presidential elector for the Fourth Congressional District, in 1876, and canvassed the district for Hayes and Wheeler.

In the fall of 1881 at the Garfield Memorial servise at North

Vernon, Indiana, he delivered the principal oration, pronounced by the local press to be equal to any delivered in the country. In September, 1882, he removed with his family to Topeka, Kansas, where he has ever since resided. Here he immediately resumed the practice of the law, and soon built up a fine practice, which he has always held and which has steadily increased. As a lawyer he has been connected with many of the most celebrated cases of his time. He has practiced in the courts of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma, the Courts ofthe United States, including many causes in the Circuit Court of Appeals sitting at St. Louis and St. Paul, and several in the Supreme Court of the United States. It is said he has argued more causes before the Supreme Court of Kansas in the last twenty years than any lawyer other than the Attorneys General and certain regular corporation counsel.

In 1884 he was elected to the Kansas Legislature as an independent with strong democratic tendencies. In 1886, being opposed to the policy of the republican party upon prohibition, and upon financial and tariff questions, (he being always a free trader), and earnestly opposed to the rising republican sentiment for tariff protection, he said: "I will go back to my farther's house," and openly joined the democraeic party, and has ever since acted with it.

In 1888 he was nominated for Congress by acclimation by the democratic convention for the Fourth District of Kansas. He canvassed the District thoroughly, making some sixty speeches in the eleven counties. As the natural republican majority was overwhelming, he was of course defeated, but ran far ahead of his ticket.

In 1892, he prepared an address which was issued to the people of the State by the Democratic State Editorial Association. In the same year he was offered the nomination for Congressman for the State-at-large, by the Populist convention, but declined it.

In 1893 he presided at the Citizens' meeting at the Grand Opera House at Topeka, the action of which meeting it is believed prevented a resort to arms by the then contending political factions.

In 1893 he was appointed by Governor Lewelling a delegate to the Pan-American Bi-Metallic Congress at St. Louis; being unable to attend, he sent an address which was read to the Congress by Governor Lewelling.

In January, 1894, he represented the Democratic party in the great quadrangular debate, at Salina, Kansas, his antagonists being General Caldwell, Republican, Ex-Governor St. John, Prohibitionist, and Mrs. Mary E. Lease, Populist. His speech on this occasion was pronounced by Ex-Governor Glick, the greatest democratic speech ever delivered in the State. In this same year he was the democratic candidate for governor, being nominated by acclimation; he canvassed the state thoroughly, and while he was defeated, as it was known he would be, his campaign saved the democratic organization, and is also credited with the defeat of the woman-suffrage amendment to the Constitution.

In 1895, Governor Morrell offered to appoint him as one of the Judges of the State Court of Appeals, which was declined. The Governor also offered him the position of railroad commissioner, which was also declined.

In 1895 he was appointed National Committeeman for Kansas of the Free Silver Democracy, and organized the campaign which sent a free silver delegation to the Chicago Convention, the next year.

In 1896 he was chosen by acclamation to be one of the delegates at large to the ational Democratic Convention, where, by the unanimous request of the Kansas and Missouri delegation, he seconded the nomination of Mr. Bland for President. During the campaign which followed, he again canvassed the State of Kansas, speaking extensively, also, in the States of Nebraska and Missouri. Kansas gave her electoral vote to Mr. Bryan.

In 1898 he was chairman of the Kansas Democratic State Convention.

In February, 1900, by request of the leading democrats of Kansas City he went to Washington and addressed the National Democratic Committee on behalf of Kansas City, which city secuerd the Convention.

In 1900, as chairman of the committee on resolutions of the first Democratic state convention of that year, he wrote the principal planks of the platform and addressed the convention, and was by this convention again chosen by acclimation to be one of the delegates at large to the National Convention at Kansas City. At the National Convention he was the Kansas member of the committee on resolutions, struggling wi htthe element which prevailed in the committee, by a single vote, and securing the adoption of the main features of the trust plank of the Kansas Convention, written by himself.

In the State Democratic nominating convention of that year, he was chairman of the committee on resolutions, and in the campaign which followed, again canvassed the State, speaking likewise in the State of Missouri.

In 1901, by the joint caucus of Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans, he was nominated for United States Senator, defeating J. G. Johnson, vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee, John Bridenthal, then late fusion candidate for Governor, and the redoubtable Jerry Simpson, and receiving the entire opposition vote of both houses of the Legislature.

In 1902 he could have had the unanimous nomination of his party for Governor, but declined.

In 1904 he was, for the third time, chosen by acclimation a delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention, where he placed General Miles in nomination for President. The General declared that he would rather be the subject of Overmyer's speech than to have been nominated for President without it.

He was a delegate to the National Council of the Knights and Ladies of Security at Topeka, Kansas, in 1900, at Louisville, Ky., in 1902, and at St. Louis, Mo., in 1904. He was also a delegate to the National Fraternal Congress at Denver, Colorado, in 1902; at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1903, and at St. Louis, Mo., in 1904.

Besides his political partisan speeches and writings, which would make a large volume, he has delivered many addresses upon various subjects among which may be mentioned, an argument against former Chief Justice Doster's socialistic theories,

delivered in 1891; an address before the Kansas State Bar Association, in 1889; an address before the graduating class of the Kansas City Law School in 1902; an address before the graduating class of the military institute at Lexington, Mo., in 1902; an oration at the grave of Mrs. Klemp; an oration at a dinner given in honor of Colonel E. Clement Smith on his eighty-second birthday; an oration on the German Race, delivered at Leavenworth, Kansas, on German Day, 1892; an oration on the "Spirit of Kansas," delivered on the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis, Mo., on Kansas Day, September 30, 1904. Besides these he is the author of many newspaper articles, interviews, etc. He is a hard worker, a diligent student, an ardent advocate of liberty, and a stubborn implacable enemy of tyrany in every form.

SUSANNA (George; John; Peter; J. G.) only daughter of George and Harriet (Camp) Overmyer, was born near Reddington, Jackson County, Indiana, September 1st, 1851, and on February 7th, 1872, at Seymour, Indiana, married John Bradbury, born January 3rd, 1848, at Goldsborough, N. C.; later they moved to Newton, Ill., where he is railway section foreman They are members of the M. E. church. He is a Democrat and have the following children:

Wm. F., born June 14th, 1873.
George W., born March 29th, 1875.
Harry C., born July 30th, 1876.
Orval D., born January 5th, 1879.
John H., born July 29th, 1880.
Jessie, born August 16th, 1882.
Alice M., born April 21st, 1889.
Freddie, born May 17th, 1890.
Roy, born July 8th, 1891.
Ethel G., born June 30th, 1896.

HARRIET (George; John; Peter; J. G.) first daughter of George and Catherine (Swengel) Overmyer was born near Reddington, Jackson County, Indiana, April 3rd, 1855. On November 17th, 1872, she married Benjamin Gruber, of Circleville, Ohio; had one child named Albert F., born April 6th, 1874. Mr. Gruber died November 19th, 1884. Then on December 8th, 1888, at North Topeka, Kansas, she married Alex-

ander S. Fall, born May 26th, 1854, at Indianapolis, Ind. He is city marshall of North Vernon, Ind., belongs to M. W. of A. and Redmen, is a Republican. She is a Methodist and have the following children:

Walter D., born February 6th, 1890.
Howard C., born July 5th, 1891.
Bessie M., born November 29th, 1894.

AMOS (George; John; Peter; J. G.) son of George and Catherine (Swengel) Overmyer, was born near Reddington, Jackson County, Indiana, March 3rd, 1857; was educated at Reddington, Ind., and on September 26th, 1881, at Reddington, he married Margaret McIntire, daughter of Robert and Mahala McIntire; born at Jonesville, Ind., May 2nd, 1856; he is foreman of the coach cleaning department of the Southern Indiana Railway at Terre Haute, Ind.; is a member of the M. W. & A. fraternity; a Democrat; are members of the Christian church; and their children are:

Alice S., born July 2nd, 1882.
Jessie M., born February 27th, 1885.
Stella M., born November 8th, 1886.
Nathan, born May 24th, 1889.

JAMES B. (George; John; Peter; J. G.) son of George and Catherine (Swengel) Overmyer, was born near Reddington, Ind., October 31st, 1859, and on September 15th, 1881, at Neoga, Ill., he was married to Sarah E. Coen, daughter of Samuel R. and Sarah A Coen, born near Olney, Ill., Nov. 4th, 1860. They at present reside three miles north of Neoga, Cumberland County, Ill.; he has held various minor offices; belongs to M. W. A. fraternity; is a liberal Democrat; and a member of the U. B. church. Children:

Ora A,. bornJuly 28th, 1882.
Louisa C., born December 19th, 1883; died July 19th, 1885.
Frank R., born December 29th, 1885.
Grant H., born January 11th, 1888.
John L., born September 30th, 1890.
Erma E., born July 9th, 1894.

James B., died May 27th, 1901, is burried at Zion Chapel Cemetery, Neago, Ill.

ORA ALMA (James B.; George; John; Peter; J. G.), first daughter of James B. and Sarah E. (Coen) Overmyer, was born near Neago, Ill. July 28th, 1882, was educated at Zion Public schools near Neago, Ill., and on December 25th, 1902, married John E. Stewart, son of James R. and Clara Stewart, born at Neago, Ill., May 28th, 1878; she is a member of the U. B. church; resides three miles north of Neago, Ill., and have the following children:

James N., born October 13th, 1903.
Theodore, born November 4th, 1904.

BARBARA (George; John; Peter; J. G.), daughter of George and Catherine Overmyer, was born near Reddington, Ind., April 5th, 1865, and on July 1st, 1883, at North Vernon, Jennings County, Ind., she married Louis Brenner, son of Charles and Caroline Brenner, born April 20th, 1861; they live at 1115 Taylor St., North Topeka, Kansas; he is clerk in a wholesale grocery house; is a Democrat; are Methodists; and have the following children:

Bertha E., born December 30th, 1885; died September 17th, 1886.

Edith B., born August 28th, 1887.

Ruth A., born September 21st, 1888; died November 1st, 1893.

Gilbert L., born July 19th, 1890.

Irene A., born June 8th, 1892.

Charles E., born November 16th, 1896.

BELL B. (George; John; Peter; J. G.), daughter of George and Catherine Overmyer, was born near Reddington, Ind., February 17th, 1867; was educated at North Vernon, Ind., on October 5th, 1884, at North Vernon, Ind., she married J. W. Blossom, son of Hiram S. and Phebe J. (Woodard) Blossom, born at Glens Falls, New York, September 20th, 1848; they reside at 1112 Taylor St., North Topeka, Kansas; he is a structure mover; belongs to I. O. O. F., K. of P.'s and Fraternal

Aid Fraternities; is a Democrat; and have the following children:

Nellie, born October 28th, 1885.
Floy, born February 4th, 1887; died April 19th, 1887.
Ethel, born January 23rd, 1888.
Eva, born May 22nd, 1889.
Hiram D., born February 19th, 1891.
J. Wood, born May 17th, 1893.
T. Ray, born December 15th, 1896.

MARIE (George; John; Peter; J. G.), daughter of George and Catherine (Swengel) Overmyer, was born near Reddington, Ind., February 12th, 1873; her father died when she was but six years old and she was educated at the public schools of Neago, Ill., and Topeka, Kansas.

Marie Overmyer's early childhood, after her father's death, was spent on a farm near Neago, Illinois, where she lived with a maternal uncle. From 1886 until 1891, she resided with her sister, Mrs Bell Blossom, in Topeka, Kansas. Her school days terminated with the eighth grade of the public schools, but her education did not stop here. On leaving the schoolroom, she served an apprenticeship as compositor in the office of a weekly newspaper, and afterwards entered the Standard Sshool of Shorthand and Typewriting, of Topeka, from which she graduated in 1890. A year later she returned to the place of her nativity in Jackson County, Indiana, and accepted a position as amanuensis and accountant in the office of the Seymour Daily and Weekly Democrat. This position she filled until the death of the publisher in January of 1891, when she resigned in order that she might give her undivided attention to a class in shorthand and typewriting which she had been instructing of evenings. In July of 1891 she became associated in the printing business with Charles W. Burkart, (now her husband), a practical printer, and together they launched the Seymour Evening News, of which the subject of our sketch was editor-in-chief and Mr. Burkart business manager. A few months later a weekly edition was added and both daily and weekly were published with almost phenomenal success until the fall of 1887, when the Daily News was sold to and consolidated with the Seymour

Daily Democrat. In December of 1897 the editress and business manager of the News entered into a life partnership by joining hearts and hands, as well as fortunes. They continued the publication of the Weekly News until the spring of 1899, when they were seized by the Western fever, and disposing of the subscription list and good will of their publication they shipped the printing plant to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and there launched the Wyoming State Democrat. This was the only newspaper of Democratic persuasion in the county in which it was published, and it, therefore, proved a highly successful venture from the very outset. At the close of the campaign of 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Burkart decided to retire from the printing business and, accordingly, they disposed of their newspaper plant and returned to Seymour, Indiana, for permanent residence, Mr. B. taking up the profesion of law.

Their address is No. 6 East Second street, Seymour, Ind.

NOAH (George; John; Peter; J. G.), son of George and Catherine (Swengel) Overmyer; married a Miss Shannon and resides near Reddington, Ind.

BENJAMINE F. (Peter; J. G.), fourth son of Peter and Mary Eva (Hennig) Overmyer, was born in Northumberland, now Union County, Pa., October 9th, 1789, and came with his parents to Perry Caunty, Ohio, when 12 years old; experienced the discomforts of pioneer life and on May 14th, 1814, married Magdalena Hendricks, daughter of Peter and Hannah Hendricks, born in Pennsylvania August 12th, 1793; he died in Perry County, Ohio, Oct. 6th, 1826; is buried at Reading Cemetery; the widow with her family moved to Sandusky County, Ohio, in 1833, and located on Section 21, of Washington Township, then a dense forest infested with wild animals. Children:

Hannah, born March 31st, 1815; married Wm. Foucht, he died; then married Daniel Moury.

Elias, born January 12th, 1817.

Sarah, born March 23rd, 1819.

Sophiah, born October 25th, 1820.

Amos, born February 2nd, 1823.

Simon Peter, born November 8th, 1825.

They were members of the Lutheran church and Mrs. Overmyer died January 28th, 1863; is buried at at Fought's or Chapel Cemetery, Washington township, Sandusky County, Ohio.

ELIAS (Benjamin F.; Peter; J. G.), first son and second child of B. F. and Magdalena (Hendricks) Overmyer, was born in Perry County, Ohio, January 12th, 1817, and moved with his mother to Sandusky County, Ohio, when but 16 years old, where he experienced the privations of pioneer life and later married Judith Albert, and located in Sandusky township; were members of the Lutheran church, and had the following children:

Lucina, born July 1st, 1842.

Mary, born July 10th, 1844.

Elias died March 7th, 1875, and is buried in Smith Cemetery, Jackson township.

LUCINA (Elias; Benj. F.; Peter; J. G.), daughter of Elias Overmyer, was born in Sandusky township and on February 13th, 1862, married Adam Stine, son of Phillip and Sarah (Dundore) Stine; they located in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, and had the following children:

George W., born November 2nd, 1863.

Almeda, born March 21st, 1866.

Samuel L., born November 18th, 1867; died Nov 29th, 1901.

Mary Etta, born October 31, 1869.

Sarah Ellen, born March 3rd, 1872.

Charles, born July 9th, 1874; died August 30th, 1874.

Manerva E., born September 6th, 1876.

John W., born September 23rd, 1881.

Mr. Stine died February 8th, 1898, and is buried in the Smith Cemetery.

MARY (Elias; Benj. F.; Peter; J. G.), was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, on August 2nd, 1862; married Jeremiah V. Dornmyer, son of David and Julia (Waitman) Dornmyer, born in Stark County, Ohio, July 9th, 1841; they were members of the Lutheran church and later moved to Elkhart, Ind., where he died December 26th, 1879, leaving the following children:

Lucina E., born April 30th, 1863.

Rosa S., born September 1st, 1864.

Emma C., born October 10th, 1866; died December 16th, 1893.

John W., born June 19th, 1868.

James M., born February 15th, 1871.

Sarah E., born Decemeber 29th, 1872.

Rufus H., born August 5th, 1874.

Charles E., born February 6th, 1877.

George M., born October 7th, 1878.

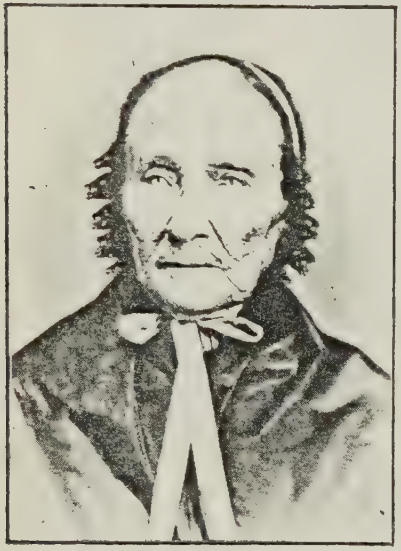
SARAH (Benj. F.; Peter; J. G.), second daughter and third child was born in Perry County, Ohio; came with her mother to Sandusky County, Ohio, and married Jacob Hollinger; they moved to Constantine, Mich., where both are buried.

SOPHIA (Benj. F.; Peter; J. G.) always remained single and is the only member of this family living at this date, viz: April 1st, 1905. She resides with her neice, Mrs. Adam Stine, at Burgoon, Ohio, and is remarkably well preserved in mind and body for one of her years.

AMOS (Benj. F.; Peter; J. G.), second son and fifth child of B. F. and Magdalena (Hendricks) Overmyer, was born in Perry County, Ohio, and came with his widowed mother to Sandusky County, Ohio, when about ten years old, where he grew to manhood and when the civil war began enlisted and was assigned to Company B of the 72nd Reg. O. V. I., and served to the close of the war; then located at McCobm, Hancock County, Ohio, where he married Sarah Deacon; they were farmers and members of the Lutheran church; he a Democrat; he died January 31st, 1871, and is buried near McComb, O. Children:

Benjamin F., Annetta, Cora B., and Almina Jane.

SIMON PETER (Benj. F.; Peter; J. G.), third son and sixth child of Benjamin F. and Magdalena (Hendricks) Overmyer, was born in Perry County, Ohio, November 8th, 1825; came with his widowed mother to Sandusky County, Ohio, in 1833, where he grew to manhood amid the scenes of pioneer life, and in 1861 enlisted as a soldier in the Union army; was



Catharine [Overmyer] Anspach

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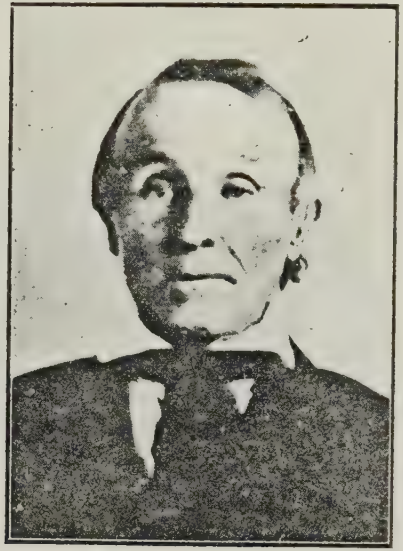

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Overmyer

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assigned to Company B, 72nd Reg. O. V. I., and served to the close of the war; then located near McComb, Hancock County, Ohio, where he married Mary Jane McWilliams; they were farmers; members of the Lutheran church; he died November 13th, 1903, and is buried near McComb, Hancock County, Ohio. Had no children.

PETER (Peter; J. G.), fifth son and ninth child of Peter and Mary Eva (Hennig) Overmyer, was born in Northumberland, now Union County, Pa., August 24th, 1799; was therefore, but about two years old when he came with his parents from Pennsylvania to Perry County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood within the surroundings of the plain, rugged honesty of those pioneer days; received a fair education, considering the meager facilities of those early times; was a spendid singer and taught that as it was enjoyed then, drilling the younger people of his community for splendid old time church music; was a life long devoted member of the Lutheran church; was for many years a member of the board of Directors of Capital University and Theological Seminary of Columbus, Ohio, one of the leading Lutheran institutions of learning in the United States. He was held in the highest esteem for integrity, honesty and sound judgment by his neighbors and many disputes were left to him for settlement, all seemingly willing to abide by his decisions as to right or wrong.

He was Justice of the Peace in Perry County many years and while filling that office took a great interest in law, and posessed a copy of the first law book ever published in the State of Ohio, the date of the edition being 1805. This book is still in possesion of that branch of the family. A record pasted on the inside cover, writen by his son, Judge G. W. Overmyer, is as follows: "This book was the only law book in use in the courts of Ohio, and was the property of Peter Overmyer, Sr., first Justice of the Peace in Richland Township, Perry County, Ohio, inherited by G. W. Overmyer from his father September 1st. 1885."

On September 23rd, 1824, in Perry County, Ohio he married Rosannah Bueb. They resided where they began housekeeping. There they lived during their entire life having the following children:

Sarah Eva, born January 8th, 1826.

George Washington, born December 15th, 1827.

Rosannah, born April 2nd, 1830.

Benjamin F., born December 13th, 1832; died September 27th, 1834.

John B., born June 16th, 1835.

Susannah, born December 14th, 1838; died December 25th, 1838.

David M., born January 29th, 1840; died July 20th, 1841.

Mary A., born July 6th, 1842; died April 7th, 1864.

Loretta, born May 15th, 1845; died March 27th, 1848.

Catherine, born March 29th, 1846.

Huldah, born January 15th, 1850.

After an active and useful life extending way beyond the age by scripture allotted to man, this noble man died June 16th, 1887, aged 87 years, 9 months and 22days, having enjoyed a clear mind and rugged usefulnes to his church and community to the end. A gloom of especial sorrow was evinced by his church and his community at his death.

SARAH EVA (Peter; Peter; J. G.), first child of Peter and Rosannah (Bueb) Overmyer, was born in Perry County, Ohio, January 8th, 1826, grew up at her parents home, and on December 29th, 1842, married John Weisman, born in Hopewell, township, Perry Conuty, Ohio, December 8th, 1820; to them were born the following children:

David M., born August 29th, 1843.

Samuel, born March 31st, 1845; died March 31st, 1845.

William A., born March 30th, 1846.

John P., born February 11th, 1848.

Oliver H. P., born June 20th, 1850; died April, 1851.

George Otto, born June 26th, 1852.

John Weisman died June 19th, 1852, and on October 11th, 1860, she married Solomon Spohn, born May 23th, 1820. To this union were born the following children:

Barbara C., born September 5th, 1861.

Martha R., born March 22nd, 1863.

Louis E., born June 5th, 1867.

GEORGE W. (Peter; Peter; J. G.), first son and second child of Peter and Rosannah (Bueb) Overmyer, was born near New Reading, Pery County, Ohio, December 15th, 1827; grew to manhood on his father's farm reciving a fair education for those pioneer times and on December 9th, 1847, he marreid Mary Elizabeth Bowman, daughter of Bernard and Mary (Poorman Bowman, born March 13th, 1829, and they had the following children:

Amanda J., born June 27th, 1848.

Martin M., born December 26th, 1850; died August 30th, 1851.

Sarah L., born July 31st, 1852.

Charles Greer, born November 15th, 1854.

Edward, born February 20th, 1860; died August 29th, 1887.

His wife, Mary E (Bowman died November 16th, 1860, and on September 24th, 1861, he married Anna Barner, born near Troy, Ohio, July 2nd, 1836; of this union are the following children:

George B., born September 10th, 1862.

William A., born Juyl 7th, 1864; died ———, 1870.

John P., born November 14th, 1866; died ———, 1873.

Anna Catherine, born, August 29th, 1872.

Samuel L., born December 13th, 1874; died single April 13th, 1898.

MILITARY AND OFFICIAL SKETCH OF GEORGE WASHINGTON OVERMYER OF LIMA, OHIO.

The subject of this sketch was a close observer of men and measures from his youth up, inheriting his father's well balanced mind, with much beter facilities for education and improvement, Being a natural born jurist, he soon rose to the distinction in the new localities in which he resided, moving from Perry County to Allen County about the year 1850, locating first at Delphos, then moving to Spencerville, where he was immediately elected Justice of the Peace for Spencer township. He held this office until he was elected County Auditor of Allen County. After his terms of service as Auditor expired in 1862, he enlisted as a soldier and was elected Captain of Company G, 81 st

Reg. O. V. I., receiving an honorable discharge November 10th, 1864. He returned to Lima, Ohio, and was appointed Mayor of Lima, by the city council, to fill the unexpired term of T. M. Robb, resigned. He was elected Probate Judge of Allen County in 1876 and served until 1882.

After his terms of office as Probate Judge expired he practiced law in partnership with J. L. Price, and during said time served as member of city council, school board, &c. He was a man of much force of character, and of strict religiuos and moral habits. As a public officer, he was strictly business and performed his duty as became the office. His death occured September 12th, 1887. He is buried at Lima, Ohio.

CONGREGATIONAL ACTION ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE W. OVERMYER.

At a congregational meeting, held Sept. 20th, 1887, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lima, Ohio, resolutions of respect for the deceased brother, George W. Overmyer, and of sympathy with his family in the loss they have sustained, were unanimously passed by a silent rising vote.

The congregation desiring to further mark its apreciation of the long and faithful membership of Bro. Overmyer, appointed a committe, with instructions to secure and publish the sermon preached at the funeral of Bro. Overmyer; also the various tributes and resolutions of respect and sympathy passed by the different organizations and societies with which the deceased was identified. The following were appointed said committee: J. H. Hunton, I. S. Motter, Wilbur Fisk and A. G. Lutz.

Likewsie, the Bar of Allen county, held a meeting at the library room, Court House. After organization, some very feeling and apropriate remarks were made on the death of Judge George W. Overmyer, by Judge James McKenzie, Gen. Isaiah Pilars, T. E. Cunningham, John E. Richie and A. G. Stewart.

Cunningham, Pillars and Stewart were made a committee and reported appropriate resolutions.

The Lima Lodge No. 205, F. & A. M. on Monday evening September 19th, 1887, passed appropriate resolutions on the death of Bro. George W. Overmyer.

I. S. Moter, D. J. Cable and J. O. Ohler being their said committee.

The City Council of Lima also passed suitable resolutions, and ordered them spread on their journal with their minutes, being a fellow member of said council. The members attended his funeral in a body, and ordered the council chamber draped in mourning for thirty days.

The following resolutions were adopted by Mart. Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R.

Your committee on resolutions on the death of comrade, George W. Overmyer, beg leave to submit the following

George W. Overmyer was born in Perry County, Ohio, December 15th, 1827, and died September 12th, 1887, at Lima, Ohio. He was an honest, upright, christian man, a faithful soldier, a kind and affectionate husband and father, and an exemplary citizen and official, having occupied and crediably filled responsible and honorable public positions.

On August 9th, 1862, he was commissioned Captain of Company G, 81st Reg. O. V. I., and was discharged November 10th, 1864, on acount of ill health. In all the various duties enjoined upon him in life, he was guided by the truest rules of christian duty and rectitude.

While we bow with humble submission to the fatal mandates that called him hence, we will ever cherish in our memories his many virtues, nobleness of character, and his services as a soldier and member of our order.

We extend his sorrow striken widow and children our heartfelt sympathy, and recommend that a copy of these proceedings be properly engrossed, signed by the proper officers, and given to his widow. That the furniture of this Post be draped in mourning for thirty days and that a page be set apart in our journal and his obituary properly inscribed thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. YODER,
BAXTER TREVOR,
J. B. KIRK, *Committee.*

Passed September 21st, 1887.

ATTEST: W. H. POCKMIRE, R. C. H. H. HEMAN, ADJT.

AMANDA J. (George W.; Peter; Peter; J. G.), first child of George W. and Mary E. (Bowman) Overmyer, was born near New Reading, Perry County, Ohio, June 27th, 1848; came with her parents to Lima, Allen County, where she grew to womanhood and on October 31st, 1865, married David Etter of Orrville, Ohio; they are members of the Lutheran church; he is a drugist, a Democrat and they reside on Harrison Avenue, Lima, Ohio, and have the following children:

George L., born February 28th, 1867; died November 11th, 1887.

Mary E., born October 9th, 1868.

David A., born Dec. 3rd, 1871; died February 14th, 1902; buried at Lima, O.

Mary E. Etter married a Mr. McWhirtes; they live at Marietta, Ohio. Children:

Isabella, born December 16th, 1889.

Paul L., born January, 1892.

Sarah L., born December, 1894.

Robert ———.

SARAH L. (George W.; Peter; Peter; J. G.), third child of George W. and Meary E. (Bowman) Overmyer, was born at Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, July 31st, 1852; was educated in the schools of that vicinity, and on December 26th, 1872, was married by Rev. D. M. Weisman to Henry Frederick Reel, son of Henry and Catherine (Baily) Reel, born at Columbus, O., December 22nd, 1852; they reside at Lima, Ohio, are members of the Lutheran church; is a furniture and carpet dealer; a Democrat and have the following children:

Eva C., born June 22nd, 1875.

Edward, born September 3rd, 1877.

Clarence, born August 29th, 1880.

CHARLES GREER (George W.; Peter; Peter; J. G.), fourth child of George W. and Mary E. (Bowman) Overmyre, was born at Spencerville, Allen County, Ohio, November 15th, 1854; was educated at Lima, O., and on July 16th, 1884, at 2602 Pine Street, St. Louis, Mo., married Cora Sophia Leonard, daughter of James D. and Julia C. (Hall) Leonard, born May

20th, 1863, at St. Louis, Mo.; he is a travelling salesman; was a member of Columbus, Ohio, cadet corp, 1873-4-5, and in U. S. Engineer Corps from 1880 to 1885; is a Jeffersoniau Democrat; they are members of the Lutheran church; reside at 706 Monroe, St. Topeka, Kansas, and have the following children:

Olive Hazel, born November 6th, 1888; died November 8th, 1888.

Dorothy, born April 20th, 1891.

EDWARD (George W.; Peter ;Peter; J. G.), fifth child of George W. and Mary E. (Bowman) Overmyer, was born February 2oth, 1860, and on October 14th, 1880, married Ida May Colbath of Lima, Ohio; have one child:

George W., born October 17th, 1881.

GEORGE BARNER (Geo. W.; Peter; Peter; J. G.), first child of George W. and Anna (Barner) Overmyer, was born at Lima, Ohio, September 10th, 1862; was educated at Lima, and on January 8th, 1882, at Lima, Ohio, he married Lydia Gibbs, daughter of William and Frances Gibbs, born at Lima, Ohio, April 8th, 1861. Some time after their marriage they moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he is engaged as bookkeeper and salesman. During eight years was a member of the Ohio National Guard; in politics a Democrat. Are members of the Lutheran Church, and have the following children:

William Barner, born June 3rd, 1882.

Charlotte Rose, born July 26th, 1883.

Anna Blanche, born December 27th, 1885; died November 11th, 1886.

George Paul, born February 12, 1891.

Frances Mary, born May 20th, 1893.

Frederick Edward, born November 26th, 1895.

George W., born December 31st, 1899; died August 7th, 1901.

Post office address, 478 South 18th St., Columbus, Ohio.

ANNA C. (Geo. W.; Peter; Peter; J. G.), only daughter of Geo. W. and Anna (Barner) Overmyer, was born at Lima, Ohio, August 29th, 1872; was educated in the schools of that place, and on June 11th, 1895, was married to John Logan Spear, born

May 2nd, 1866. Their children are Lavinia R., born May 20th, 1896; Thermia I., born December 10th, 1898; infant, born April 22nd, 1901. Post office address is 1310—1a Alamo, Mexico city, Mexico.

ROSANNAH (Peter; Peter; J. G.), third child of Peter and Rossannah (Bueb) Overmyer, was born near New Reading, Perry County, Ohio, April 2nd, 1830, and on May 24th, 1849, married Joel Spohn, born April 21st, 1828, residing in Perry County, and had the following children: Jacob P., born March 18th, 1850; Loretta, born May 26th, 1851; Lucy A., born February 26th, 1854; Samuel, born December 19th, 1855; Sarah C., born December 12th, 1856; Mary E., born November 17th, 1858; John O., born April 4th, 1860; Melissa, born January 26th, 1862; Clement V., born January 1st, 1864; Wm. A., born January 1st, 1866; Charles W., born January 12th, 1868; Emma A., born November 30th, 1869; David M., born January 22nd, 1872; Annie L., born May 17th, 1873; Martin E., born November 2nd, 1875.

JOHN B. (Peter; Peter; J. G.), third son and fifth child of Peter and Rosannah (Bueb) Overmyer, was born near New Reading, Perry County, Ohio, June 16th, 1835; was educated in the common schools of that vicinity, and on December 25th, 1856, married Amanda Baker, daughter of James and Nancy Baker, born in Crawford County, Pa., December 23rd, 1835. They resided near Somerset, O.; were farmers; had one child, Lewis A., born September 15th, 1859, died November, 1891. In October, 1862, his wife died. In October, 1868, at Somerset, O., he married Sarah A. Snider, daughter of Simon and Nancy A. Snyder, and with this union had the following children: Mary G., born August, 1869; Udora, Clara, John J., Nancy A. and Robert J. Mr. Overmyer served as county treasurer two terms, and filled several minor offices; is a Jefferson Democrat, and life-long member of the Lutheran Church.

CATHARINE (Peter; Peter; J. G.), tenth child of Peter and Rosannah (Bueb) Overmyer, was born near New Reading, Perry County, Ohio, March 29th, 1846, and on September 1st, 1868, married Joseph Paden, born January 2nd, 1839 They re-

side at present at Casey, Ill., and have the following children: Ferdinand, born June 13th, 1870; Franklin A., born December 28th, 1874; Wallace H., born August 17th, 1876, died September 3rd, 1876; Irwin C., born April 26th, 1885.

HULDAH (Peter; Peter; J. G.), eleventh child of Peter and Rosannah (Bueb) Overmyer, was born in Perry County, O., January 15th, 1850, and on October 26th, 1871, married Nicholas Dominick Snyder, born June 18th, 1848, and now reside at Canton, Minnesota, and have the following children: Blanche, born July 18th, 1872; Lyman, born December 11th, 1873; Rosa, born March 18th, 1876; Charles, born November 11th, 1877; Peter, born November 5th, 1879; Nano, born August 26th, 1881; Francis, born June 2nd, 1883; N. D., born February 5th, 1888; Mary A., born January 19th, 1890; Mildred, born December 7th, 1893.

DAVID (Peter; J. G.), sixth son and tenth child o f Peter and Eva (Hennig) Overmyer, was born in Pennsylvania, June 21st, 1801, just a few months before his parents left that state for the wilds of Ohio, therefore knew nothing in his youthful years of a comfortable home and cleared fields, as they located in a dense forest in Ohio, where he grew to manhood on his father's farm. He then learned the trade of wagonmaker, as then conducted; then married Elizabeth Harnet, remaining in Perry County all his life. Died in 1874 and is buried at Reddington, Perry County, Ohio. Children:

Emaline; married Geo. Klinger.
Aaron, married Mary Reichly.
Sarah; married William Woife.
James; married Louisa Wolfe.
Mary; married Jackson Guyton, as his second wife.
Peter; died single.
Christena; married Rev. Geo. Young, as his second wife.
Elizabeth.
Catharine; married Austin Whitmer.
Lydia; married Charles Wolfe.

CHAPTER IV.

LINE OF PHILLIP, fourth son of the emigrant, John George Overmyer, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1769.

PHILLIP (J. G.), third son of John George, the emigrant, and wife, was born in Pensylvania, September 23rd, 1769. Of the early life of Phillip we can find but little history, but we have reason to believe that it was uneventful, save the skirmishes which the settlers frequently had with the Indians on the front ier, as it then existed in his native state, and later, when he was about six years old, the Revolution was raging in the colonies and his illustrious father joined the patriot army and helped to free the Colonies from the British yoke, after which he again returned to his family and resumed his labors on the farm. Many incidents of those stirring times were often related by our subject, who knew much from his own memory, and from the stories as he received them from those who bore an active part in the conflict. Phillip learned to read both English and German, but beyond that his education was limited. He married in Pennsylvania, Rosanna Bishoff. They lived in Pennsylvania and had a farm of their own, but for some cause they sold their farm to their son William, and removed from there to near Cayuga Bridge, Aurelius township, Cayuga county, N. Y., about 1826, accompanied by their sons Daniel, George, Jacob and Samuel, and their families, and a son-in-law, John Cox, and his family. They resided there until the spring of 1834. Not having bought farms there, they now decided to make their future homes in Ohio. The families, above named, packed their belongings into the larke oaken chests and leather covered trunks, which may yet be found in some of the homes of the descendants, and hauled them in large wagons to Mt. Union, N. Y., where they loaded them upon canal boats and began their journey towards Buffalo. After a journey of 100 miles by canal they reached Buffalo, and there took pasage on a sail boat on Lake Erie for Sandusky, Ohio. The voyage on Lake Erie was not a pleasant

one, and several times the boat stranded, as they were compelled to remain near the shore, and had a heavy load, and when they reached Dunkirk, N. Y., the boat grounded and they were obliged to remain there two or three days and had to unload a part of the cargo to release her. When they reached Huron, Ohio, Samuel and his family, with their household effects, started by wagon across the country, in order to lighten the load on the vessel. When the vessel finally reached Sandusky, all the Overmyer emigrants were sick excepting Sarah, or "Sally," a daughter of Phillip. From Sandusky they came on foot and by wagon, each family finding a home, or a place where they established one, and thus the history of each family begins separately, and will be treated under their respective heads. Phillip and his family located about five miles west of Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), where Nehemiah Engler now lives. Here they engaged in the tavern business, as was the custom with many of the pioneer setlers along the Western Reserve and Maumee Pike. Though the pike was not graded at that time and was a terrible mud road during the most of the year, yet it was the principal thoroughfare in the Northwest. They did not reside at that place very long, but soon erected a log house on some land belonging to Jacob, their son, in the northern part of the present corporation of Lindsey, Ohio, and just across the street from where Jacob Bowersox now resides. Here a comfortable log house, one and one-half stories high, erected of round logs, chinked with mud and sticks, and all the parts that made up the pioneer home were well looked after, and Phillip and his wife moved there and spent their declining years surrounded by their children. He was afflicted with dropsy and was sick for some time and the children and grandchildren would come and take care of him. One night while they were there watching by his bedside, his wife was taken suddenly ill and died May 17th, 1841, in the 62nd year of her age. He afterwards had nearly recovered from his affliction and had his home with his son, Jacob, where Amos Overmyer now lives. Here he died March 24th, 1843, in the 72nd year of his age. Both are interred in the old cemetery at Lindsey. Though no photograph was ever taken of our subject we can get a faint idea of his general appearance from the description given us by his oldest living grandchild,

Mrs. S. B. Waggoner, who gave us many of the items set forth in the above sketch. He was a short, heavy-set man, with smooth face, black hair, dark eyes, and a ruddy complexion; was of a very genial, good-natured disposition, a member of the Lutheran church, and always engaged in farming, and always belonged to the Democratic party, until 1820, when Gen. Joseph Heister ran for Governor of Pennsylvania. He being related to Phillip's wife, then he and his family joined the Federalists, and ever after were anti-Democrats. They had the following children:

Samuel, born Febraury 24th, 1793; died January 8th, 1862.
William, born April 11th, 1795; died August 13th, 1869.
Jacob, born July 4th, 1797; died February 3rd, 1863.
Daniel, born April 15th, 1799; died June 15th, 1872.
Pillip, born August 31st, 1801; died May 20th, 1888.
Rossana and Phillip were twins born Aug. 31st, 1801.
George, born ———, 1804; died April 25th, 1857.
David, born January 11th, 1808; died January 20th, 1884.
Catherine, married John Cox; died in Sandusky county, O.
Barbara, married, Martin.
Sarah, born February 25th, 1816, married first to John Anedrson and second to John Fox. She died November 8th, 1889; is burried in Indiana.

SAMUEL (Phillip; J. G.), eldest son of Phillip and Rosanna (Bishoff) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., February 24th, 1793, when George Washington was president of the United States and Philadelphia was the seat of the National government. He grew to manhood on his fathers farm and married Elizabeth Hawk, also a native of Union county (now Snyder county), Pa. They resided in their native state until about 1826, when (as stated in his father's sketch) they moved to New York state, where he worked for a man who had a store, and in the year 1834 came to Sandusky county, Ohio. As elsewhere stated, the boat grounded frequently and at Huron, Ohio, Samuel and his family disembarked and hired a man by the name of Paul Deal to bring their household goods and the family by wagon to Sandusky county, while the rest of the emigrants came by boat as far as Sandusky. Samuel walked from Huron to his new home and Deal followed with the wagon, bringing the

family. They located on what was formerly the Hiram Overmyer farm, about one mile east of Hessville, but only lived there several months until he entered 40 acres of land from the goverment at $1.25 per acre, where he erected a log house and then moved his family into their own home where he lived the most of his life, about one and one-half miles southeast of Lindsey, near the L. S. & M. S. R. R. Their newly acquired land was covered with the mighty forest and at first only a small patch around the cabin was cleared and placed under cultivation. But each succeeding year its area was increased as the sturdy pioneer, by the aid of his wife and children, subdued the forest and began to till the soil, and the original 40 acre farm was also increased in size from time to time until they owned several hundred acres. In those days the market for selling timber was very dull indeed and only the choicest timber of a few varieties could be sold at all, and then at a price which would not pay the owner for cutting and hauling the logs in many instances Samuel never sold any timber, but burned it in log heaps, what was not used in building fences. They always cooked over a fire-place, and had an earthen oven in which they did their baking. They raised corn for their principal crop, though some wheat was sown and yeilded fairly well. They had a sugar camp every spring and made plenty of sugar and Maple syrup for their own use, and frequently had a surplus to sell. But if they found sale for it at all, it was very cheap, owing to the abundance produced, and having no other market, with no means of shipping anything. They at first had only a yoke of oxen and later got a team of horses to work with, and their farming implements were all home made or at the blacksmith shop near by. Their clothing was all home made and underclothing was then unknown. Samuel wore a straw hat during the whole of the year, and we are told by those who knew him, that he appeared to be the warmest-blooded man they had ever seen? Going about his work in the winter season with a straw hat on and in his shirt sleeves, and then frequently wiping the perspiration from his forehead and ruddy-complexioned face. He made an impression on the minds of those who were accustomed to see him, which they still distinctly recall and will never forget. The description of the personal appearance of his father, as else-

where given, is also applicable to Samuel. He had no education but his wife could read German, and their stock of reading matter consisted almost entirely of the Bible and Testament They never took a newspaper, for there were none to be had at that time. He was very successful as a farmer, and later in life became quite a stock raiser. They were members of the Lutheran church. He, like his father, was afflicted with dropsy, from which he died January 8th, 1862, and his wife was stricken with paralysis about the time he died, and remained an invalid the rest of her life. She died August 28th, 1870, and her remains were interred by the side of those of her husband in the Four Mile Cemetery. They had the following children:

Susannah, born February 25th, 1818.
John H., born July 20th, 1819.
Elizabeth, born April 14th, 1824.

SUSANNAH (Samuel; Phillip; J. G.), eldest child of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hawk) Overmyer, was born in Union, now Suyder, county, Pa., February 25th, 1818. She lived under the parental roof in Pennsylvania and New York state and came with her parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, when she was 16 years old. Here she assisted them in establishing a home, working both in the house and in the fields, or clearing. She married Daniel Waggoner, April 14th, 1840. He was the son of John and Mary (Bowman) Waggoner, born October 21st, 1816, in Perry county, Ohio, and came to Sandusky county, with his parents in 1829. They engaged in farming and resided a little southeast of the present limits of Lndsey, where they owned a fine farm and were the most successful and respected citizens of the community. She was stricken by the hand of death June 24th, 1863, and was burried at the Four Mile Cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran church and in his political views always a Democrat, exercisiing considerable influence in township and county politics. They had four children, all of whom have been most successful and influential citizens of Washington Twp. The records of their children briefly are as follows:

Louisa, born April 18th, 1841, married Jerome L. Loose. They are engaged in farming, owning one of the best stock farms in the state. They make a specialty of raising Polled cat-

tle, and German coach horses. Their home is one mile west of Lindsey, O. They have three children: Ida, married Rev. Beam. Elum S. married Bertha Woland and is in partnership with his father in farming and stock-raising. Mary, resides with her parents.

Joseph Wagoner, born April 14th, 1843, married Isabella Karchner. They have several large farms in the vicinity of Hessville, O., where they were formerly engaged in farming, but they now reside in Hessville and lead a retired life. He is a prominent Democrat and has been Justice of the Peace of Washington township for 20 years, and has held various positions of trust, they have two sons, Horatio A. married Miss Fought, resides north of Hessville. Harry J., married Estella Wingard, resides on the old Jos. Waggoner homestead.

John J. Wagoner, born November16th, 1846, engaged in farming in the southern part of the present limits of Lindsey where they had a large farm and a beautiful home, the present residence of Mrs. Waggoner and only child, Grace. He died January 13th, 1890, and was buried at the Four Mile Cemetery.

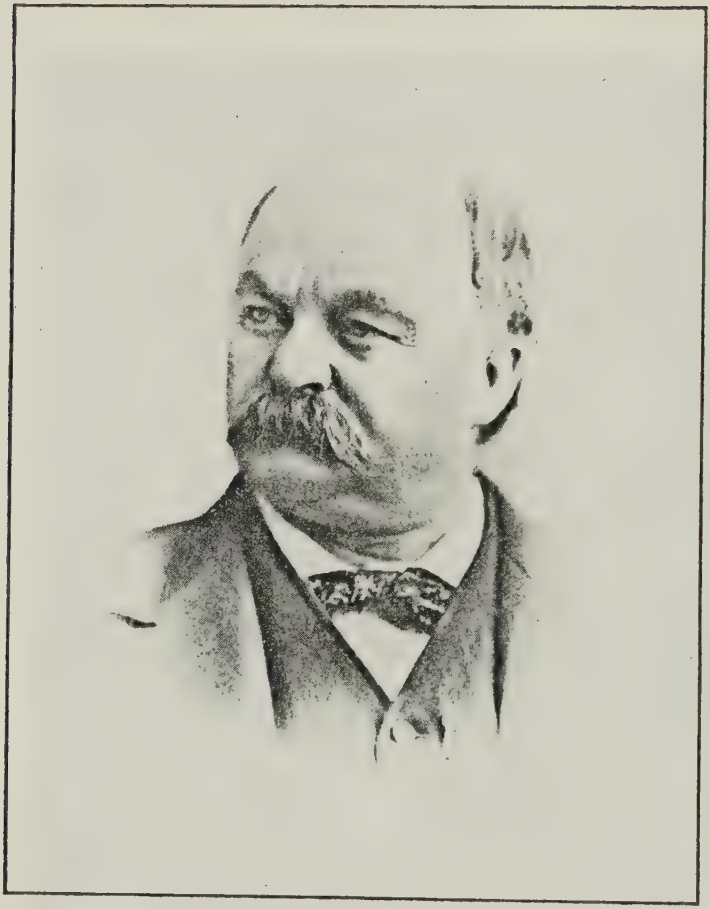
Amos E. Waggoner, born September 12, 1849, married Febraury 1st, 1876, by Rev. Bushnell at Fremont, O., Laura A. Saine, born June 25th, 1850, daughter of Milde and Jane (Miller) Sain, they own the farm which formerly belonged to his parents and resided there for some time and engaged in farming but later erected a fine residence near by, where they now reside, leading a retired life. He is a Democrat and a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity. They have one child, Clyde M., born September 12th, 1882.

JOHN H. (Samuel; Phillip; J. G.), only son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hawk) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., July 20th, 1819. He emigrated with his parents from Pennsylvania to New York state in 1826, and from there to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1834, and remained with his parents, helping to clear the land, fence and put it under cultivation, until he married January 24th, 1856, Mary Boyer, at Hessville, O., by John Beery, J. P. She was a native of Union county, Pa., born December 25th, 1833, daughter of John and Catherine (Smith)

Boyer, her parents having moved to Sandusky county in April 1834, and settled on the county line between Sandusky and Ottawa counties where she resided with them until her marriage. After their marriage they located on a farm about 1½ miles southeast of Lindsey, O., and engaged in farming and stock raising, and after his father's death he came into possession of the old homestead and purchased other farms, until they owned about 400 acres of fine farming and timber land in Washington township. He had a limited education but was always a hard working man, energetic and very positive in his convictions. In politics he was a Republican, and held various offices of trust in his community. He always kept his farms well improved and had large and commodious buildings where they lived. He died September 17, 1899. She still resides on the farm and leads a retired life. Their children are all known as very industrious and prosperous citizens, and were born as follows:

Barbara Ellen, January 2, 1857.
Mary Elizabeth, September 24, 1858.
Catherine A., November 23, 1860.
Amos A., November 6, 1862.
Alvin S., October 9, 1864.
Susannah L., April 26, 1867, died May 22, 1883
Celesta, November 8, 1869.
Elum, February 15, 1873.
Festus L., March 23, 1876.
Mabel (granddaughter), born May 25, 1879, married Frank Wolfe, a carpenter, they reside at Fremont, and have one child, Kenneth.

BARBARA ELLEN (John H.; Samuel; Philip; J. G.), eldest daughter of John H. and Mary (Boyer) Overmeyer, was born January 2, 1857. She remained with her parents on the farm, attending the country schools and working in the fields, as well as in the house, until her marriage to David Miller, October 28, 1881, at Fremont, O., by the Rev. Richards. Mr. Miller was born February 6, 1858 at West Penn, Schuylkill county, Pa., son of Samuel and Mary Miller. He came to Sandusky County, Ohio, with his parents in the spring of 1859, and settled in Rice township, where he grew to manhood. They have been engaged



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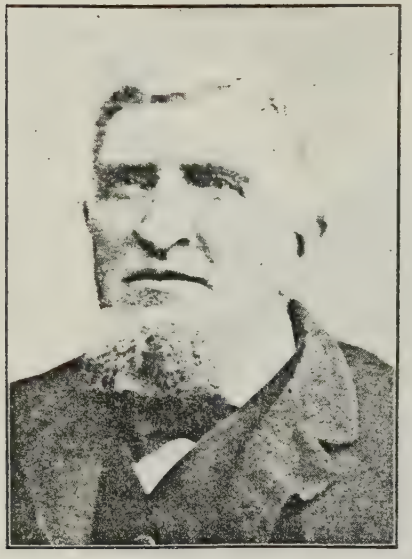

Mrs. Elizabeth [Overmyer] Waggoner and Husband
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in farming ever since their marriage, and own the farm which formerly belonged to his parents, and they are among the most respected citizens of Rice township. He is a Democrat but not a strict partisan, and has held various local offices. They are members of the Evangelical church and take an active part in church and Sunday school work. They reside about 3½ miles northeast of Lindsey, O. They have:

Wesley Oliver, born October 15, 1883.
Mary Rozella, born December 5, 1885.
Harry Alvin, born October 14, 1888.
Lulu Celeste, born April 15, 1894.
Otto Orville, born August 4, 1896.

MARY ELIZABETH (John H.; Samuel; Philip; J. G.), born September 24, 1858; was raised on the farm, and attended the country school near the home of her parents. She remained under the paternal roof, until she married Jefferson Notestine, September 24, 1892, at Fremont, O. He was born at Penn, Carbon County, Pa., October 25, 1853, son of Gideon and Leah Notestine, and came to Ohio in 1875. He learned the plastere. trade and followed that for some years and later was employed as hammer-smith at the Drop Forge Works, at Fremont. In 1899 they exchanged their home on Stone street, west of Fremont, for a farm in Ottawa county, with Albert Overmeyer. Soon thereafter they moved to their new home, and later purchased more land adjoining the original farm. They were both affiliated with the Evangelical church. He is a Republican and a member of the W. O. W. In August, 1902, Mrs. Notestine met with an accident that caused her death. While engaged in her duties about the home, she stepped on a nail, which penetrated her foot and caused lockjaw, from which she died about a week later. Her remains were interred in the Four Mile cemetery west of Fremont, O. They had:

Beryl Emerson, born June 6, 1895.
Haldon Wilferd, born March 13, 1899.
Clement Jefferson, born April 22, 1902.

CATHERINE ALICE (John H.; Samuel; Philip; J. G.), was born November 23, 1860, in Washington township, Sandusky

county, Ohio. She attended the district schools in her youth; is a member of the Evangelical church, and is highly spoken of as a member of her community. On December 17, 1885, she was married to Frederick Gnepper, son of Ernest and Mary (Fryer) Gnepper, by the Rev. Wonders, of Lindsey, O. Mr. Gnepper is a successful farmer, residing about 4 miles northeast of Lindsey, O. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Evangelical church, and a member of the Board of Education of Rice township. They have:

John Wesley, born December 18, 1886.
Pearl May, born January 30, 1889.
Amos Frederick, born January 21, 1891.
Mary Florina, born April 6, 1894.
Bernice Irena, born July 23, 1895.
Harry Edward, born March 28, 1898.
Mabel Catherine, born November 14, 1899.

AMOS AUSTIN (John H.; Samuel; Philip; J. G.), born November 6, 1862, in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, at the home of his parents, 1½ miles southeast of Lindsey, O., on the hold homestead of Samuel Overmeyer. He was educated in the district schools, is a Republican in politics, and a hard working, industrious farmer. He was married on June 15, 1892, at Fremont, O., to Emma Hetrick, daughter of John and Barbara (Gahn) Hetrick. They reside on the old Samuel Overmeyer homestead, where the subject of this sketch was born. They have:

Clyde Emerson, born January 31, 1893.
Ray F., born November 30, 1894.
Elim Clarendon, born March 31, 1898.
Margy Morito, born January 4, 1903.

ALVIN SAMUEL (John H.; Samuel; Phillip; J. G.), born October 9, 1864, in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio. He worked on his father's farm and during the winter months attended the common schools. Married December 15, 1887, to Edessa Lattig, daughter of Michael and Matilda (Anspach) Lattig, by Rev. Miller, of the Reformed Church, of Lindsey, O., officiating. They are members of the United Brethren

church, and reside on their farm formerly the old Boop homestead, on the Maumee Pike, 2 miles west of Fremont, O. He is a Republican and a member of the W. O. A. They have:

Rosamond Ruth, born April 24, 1895.

CELESTA (John H.; Samuel; Philip; J. G.), born November 8, 1869, in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio She attended the district schools in her youth, and on March 18, 1890, was married by Rev. Bowman, of Fremont, O., to Alfred D. Hetrick, born July 17, 1869, in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio, son of Daniel and Mary (Siegenthaler) Hetrick. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Lutheran church. They own the farm on which they live, 4 miles west of Fremont, O. They had:

Lloyd Emerson, born July 19, 1890, died July 27, 1891.

Vida, born September 3, 1892.

Grace, born December 20, 1897.

ELIM (John H.; Samuel; Philip; J. G.), born February 15, 1873, in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio. In his youth he attended the common schools and during the summer months worked at home on his father's farm. On December 5, 1897, he married Clara May Waggoner, daughter of Moses and Rosa Ann (Lattig) Waggoner. She was born June 13, 1875, in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Overmeyer took up the duties of married life on the old John H. Overmeyer homestead, where they lived in prosperity and happiness, until the summer of 1903, when she was stricken with consumption and died January 20, 1904. He owns a farm about 2½ miles southeast of Lindsey, where he has erected fine buildings. They had one child:

Harold Aquilla, born February 12, 1900, died April 11, 1901.

FESTUS LAWRENCE (John H.; Samuel; Philip; J. G.), born March 23, 1876, in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio. He attended the common schools, is a Republican in politics, and an industrious young farmer. On April 10, 1902, he was married, by Rev. W. A. Bowman, of Fremont, O., to Lottie Hetrick, daughter of Henry and Emma (Hineline) Hetrick, of Rice township, Sandusky county Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Overmeyer reside with his mother, on the old John H. Overmeyer homestead, and have one child:

Neoma, born Janury 27, 1904.

ELIZABETH (Samuel; Philip; J. G.), youngest daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hawk) Overmeyer, was born April 14, 1824, in Union county Pennsylvania. In 1826 she emigrated with her parents to New York state (as stated in her father's sketch), and in 1834 came with them to Sandusky county, Ohio, via Buffalo, N. Y. In these nomadic movements, Elizabeth endured the usual hardships, in being exposed, oftentimes, to hunger and the inclemencies of the weather. In her youth she attended the common schools and received a fair education. On December 13, 1849, she was married, by James Rose, J. P. of Washington township, to Samuel B. Waggoner, son of John and Mary (Bowman) Waggoner. He was born January 6, 1827, in Perry county, Ohio, and came to Sandusky county with his parents in 1829. During the Civil war he was drafted but paid his drafts in full to hire substitutes. He was a Democrat in politics, served as township trustee and as a member of the Board of Education. For twenty years Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner resided on the farm now owned by their son Israel, and in 1872 moved on the old Waggoner homstead, of about 200 acres, situated about six miles northwest of Fremont, O. For a number of years they lived in a log house built by Mr. Waggoner's father, in 1831. This was replaced by a fine brick residence, which stands to-day as a monument to their industry. On this farm are located several oil wells and stone quarries. Mr. Waggoner died in 1902. The widow resided on the farm with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eberts, until the spring of 1904, then moved onto the eighty acre farm east of the old Waggoner homestead, where she died Dec. 21, 1904, aged 80 y., 8 m. and 7 d., is buried in Four Mile cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner had:

Elizabeth, born April 18, 1850. Married Henry Siegenthaler, of Rice township.

John, born September 4, 1852. Married Ellen Stierwalt. He died July 17, 1881.

Israel, born March 30, 1855. Married Sarah Artz. She died February 25, 1898. They had one child, Chester.

Louisa, born November 25, 1857. Married Milton Eberts. Have one child, Gladys, born Apr. 12, 1893.

Amineely, born February 7, 1861. Married Alfred Lay. Reside on their farm, 3 miles southeast of Lindsey.

William Valentine, born May 28, 1866. Married Salome Kiser. He was killed in a runaway accident, July 30, 1893, leaving two children.

ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of Samuel B. and Elizabeth Overmeyer Waggoner, was married February 2, 1871, by G. W. King, J. P., to Henry Seigenthaler. To them have been born the following children:

George William, born November 9, 1871.
Alvesta, born March 24, 1873.
Louisa Ellen, born September 20, 1875.
Elizabeth Leah, born August 27, 1877.
Hattie Cecelia, born January 4, 1880.
Henry Elim, born March 22, 1883.
Bertha M., born June 6, 1886.
Harry Robert, born March 11, 1889.

WILLIAM, (Philip; J. G.), second son of Philip and Rosanna (Bishoff) Overmeyer, was born in Weirickstown (now Centerville), Union (now Snyder), county, Pennsylvania, April 11, 1795. He received a fair education in both German and English; worked on his father's farm and later learned the trade of a miller and blacksmithing. While working as a miller he frequently rafted flour to Philadelphia via Penn's Creek and the Susequehanna river. His first wife was Susannah Sanders, born in Union county, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1796. They had the following children:

Henry, born October 20, 1819.
William, born June 6, 1821.
Edward, died and is buried in Pennsylvania.
Polly, married John Johnson.
Jacob, born May 9, 1826.
John, born May 9, 1830.
Infant twins, died.
Susannah, born November 2, 1831.
Harriet, born April 27, 1834.

His first wife was afflicted with dropsy, from which she died January 13, 1838. He married his second wife, Elizabeth Eversole, November 11, 1838. She was a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Bixler) Eversole, and was born January 2, 1816, in Perry county, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by James Rose, J. P. for Washington township. The following children were born of this second marriage:

Joel, born September 3, 1840, died December 12, 1853.
Isaiah, born May, 6, 1843.
Louis W., born July 31, 1846.
Infant daughter, died March 27, 1849.
Isaac N., born March 25, 1850.
Barbara Ellen, born July 18, 1853.
Benjamin F., born March 27, 1856.
Albert E., born February 28, 1858.
Minerva Alice, born May 20, 1861.

In the fall of 1832 he, in company with his brother Philip, made a trip to Sandusky county, Ohio, walking both ways, averaging 54 miles per day during the entire trip. In the following May (1833) he moved to Sandusky county with his famliy, driving the entire distance in a wagon, constructed by himself. They entered one-half section of land, at $1.25 per acre. (Upon this land the west half of Lindsey has been built.) Philip entered 80 acres north of Lindsey (now the home of Charles Kramb.) To reach this land with his family it was necessary to chop his way through the dense forest, from the Maumee Pike. George Fought and Samuel Adams moved here at the same time. The Overmeyers erected a log cabin in which they did their cooking and slept in their wagons during the entire summer. In the fall William built a log cabin in which he lived the remainder of his life. This cabin was built of hewn logs and was two stories high. The first year it had but three sides, a roof of bark, and a puncheon floor. During the winters following the Indians frequently came to his cabin and slept on the floor by the fire place. He always treated them kindly, an Indian burying ground was formerly located where his house stood and numerous bodies and trinkets were found while excavating for a cellar on the farm. William was appointed village postmaster, and had the postoffice

in his cabin. He opened a blacksmith shop and soon had a good trade, making axes and other tools and implements necessary in subduing the forest and cultivating the soil. He also constructed a hook or turnkey to pull teeth and on all days of the week and often in the silent hours of night would he be called on by men and women of the vicinity to lift their unruly grinders. The instrument is now in possession of his son, Dr. B. F. Overmeyer, who prizes it highly as a family relic. As opportunity afforded, he worked on his farm, clearing away the heavy forest and providing such drainage as was possible. This latter was important, as the land was very wet, causing almost constant sickness from malarial fevers and ague among the settlers. Game was plenty and during the first few years he provided sufficient vension for the family without going further from his house than the sound of his rifle.

Pea vines were about a foot high in the forest and the horses and cattle lived on these during the summer and browsed on the underbrush and newly-fallen tree-tops during the winter. Three or four times every year he would drive to Venice, Erie county, Ohio, near Sandusky, to mill, with corn and rye and later with wheat and buckwheat. These trips would consume from two to four days each time and were quite hazardous. He made his own charcoal for shop use and displayed some inventive genius by originating the idea of putting a cutter on a plow to cut away the roots and vines and thus get better results from plowing. In 1840 he and his wife drove to Perry county, Ohio, with friends. This trip was made in a spring wagon constructed by himself, among the first of its kind in his locality. In 1850 they drove to Fulton county, Indiana, on a similar trip. In early life William had been a Lutheran but later became a member of the Evangelical church, and was one of the founders of his church at Lindsey, of which he remained a steadfast member until his death. In politics he had been a Whig and later became a Republican and was at one time a candidate of his party for county commissioner. When the L. S. & M. S. R. R. was built through Sandusky county he was selected by the company as one of three men to settle all disputed claims for a right-of-way from Norwalk to Toledo, for which he received a good salary and was also given a pass for himself and family for three years, good anywhere over the com-

pany's road. From his farm he furnished a great many ties and other material for the road. His first children attended school at a small school house west of Hessville, and later at Hessville. During the last eight years of his life he suffered from a complication of diseases, principally liver trouble, from which he died August 13, 1869, aged 74 years, 4 months and 12 days. Thus closed an eventful and useful life, a life full of hardships and toil, but one ever worthy of emulation. To-day the beautiful farms, the splendid and comfortable homes, the mighty industries of a mighty nation, stand as silent testimony to the industry and worth of him and his kind. She resided with her son Isaiah in Lindsey, O., until she died, June 18, 1904, and is buried in the new cemetery at Lindsey, O. Aged 88 years, 5 months, 16 days.

HENRY (William Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), was born October 20, 1819, in Pennsylvania. He attended school there and also attended a short time after coming to Ohio. In his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade of his father, but never followed it. Instead he worked on the farm while his father worked in the shop. In 1843 he married Elizabeth Overmeyer, daughter of Michael (John M.; J. G.) After his marriage he located on the northeast 40 acres of land formerly owned by his father (now owned by Philip Ulch.) He carried on farming successfully and had just completed arrangements to sell his farm and move to Indiana when he met with an accident which cost his life. He had been out hunting and on returning he was about to fire the load from his gun when he slipped, the hammer of the gun striking the edge of the porch and discharging the weapon, the contents entering his bowels, causing death five hours later. This occurred March 8, 1859. His body was interred in the new cemetery at Lindsey. The following were his children:

Aaron, born September 11, 1844.

Philip, born November 25, 1846. Married Polly Wolfe, of Indiana.

Henry, died in infancy.

Sarah, died in infancy.

Edward, born April 14, 1851. Died April 13, 1864.

William H., born December 18, 1852.

Noah, died in Indiana, aged 14 years.

Michael, first married Alice Tribett, of Indiana, and with her had one child, Albertus, then married a second wife, Mary J. Overmeyer, daughter of (William; Peter; Geo.; J. G.) Michael was murdered by highwaymen while on his way home one night from his brother-in-law's, being killed instantly. The robbers secured $300 which he had with him at the time. His widow married again and is still living.

AARON (Henry; William, Sr.; Philip; J. G.), first son of Henry and Elizabeth Overmeyer, was born September 11, 1844, near Lindsey, O. Worked on his father's farm, which kept him out of school a considerable part of the time during his early life. On August 15, 1862, he enlisted in Co. A., 111th Reg. O. V. I., and served until July 13, 1865. On December 15, 1871, he was married by Rev. D. Strawman to Mary Anstead, born February 15, 1853, daughter of Adam and Caroline (Horning) Anstead. After their marriage they moved upon and farmed the property of P. H. Overmeyer. They now reside on their own farm, four miles northwest of Lindsey, O. They are members of the Evangelical church, and are highly respected members of their community. He is a Republican in politics and has held local offices. He draws a pension from the government. They have:

Anna, born October 4, 1871. Died October 6, 1880.

Harvey Adam, born September 9, 1877. Died October 6, 1880.

Madie Pearl, born May 27,1879. Married December 20, 1900, to Albert Skiles, born May 12, 1877. He died in July, 1902. She married Martin Arnold March 3, 1905.

Ervin Elbert, born December 8, 1881. Maried November 8, 1903, to Verna Notestine, born January 25, 1886, daughter of Jefferson Notestine, of Ottawa county. Have one child, Herbert L., born June 4, 1904.

Cora Emma, born November 12, 1885.

Edith May, born October 3, 1889.

Mabel Caroline, born May 8, 1892.

PHILIP (Henry; William; Philip; J. G.), born November 25, 1846, in Washington township. Married Polly Wolfe, of Indiana. They had three children:

Joseph.
Amanda.
John.

They live in Indiana. Joseph was killed in his youth by being run over by a wagon.

WILLIAM HARRISON (Henry; William, Sr.; Philip; J. G.), was born December 18, 1852, in Wahington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, near Lindsey. His father died when William was seven years old, and at ten he was placed among strangers and had but little opportunity to secure an education. He learned the plastering trade in his youth and has followed it very successfully nearly all his life. On August 20, 1874, he was married by Rev. Crouse to Eliza E. Burkett, born July 4, 1854, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Baker) Burkett. They moved to Lindsey, O., where he worked at his trade until October, 1877, when they moved on a farm owned by Leah Yeagle, north of Lindsey. Here they engaged in farming for four years, at the end of which time they moved back to Lindsey, where they resided until she died, March 26, 1905, and was buried in the Lindsey cemetery. She was a member of the Evangeical church. He is a Republican in politics and has held local offices as member of the school board and a member of council. He is a member of the K. O. T. M. and with his children still resides at Lindsey. The following children were born to them:

Dora A., born January 4, 1876. Married November 21, 1895, to David Reed, born July 26, 1876, son of Jacob and Margaret (Grant) Reed.

Ida, born February 29, 1880.

Elizabeth, born June 7, 1881.

Cora M., born October 21, 1889.

WILLIAM, JR. (William; Phillip; J. G.), born June 6, 1821, in Union county, Pennsylvania. Was educated in the common schools; came to Sandusky county in 1833. He was married March 25, 1845, at the home of George Waggoner, by Rev. Henry Lang to Abigail Waggoner, daughter of George and Margaret (Clingler) Waggoner. She was born December 6, 1825, in Perry county, Ohio, and died November 22, 1890, at Lindsey, O. During their early married life they lived on a farm of 240

acres south of Hessville, where he erected a saw-mill on Mud Creek, above the town. Here he carried on a successful business for 25 years, then they moved to Lindsey, O. He was a Republican in politics, an energetic and successful business man, and of genial disposition. He died June 21, 1892, and was buried at the Four Mile cemetery. She was a member of the M. E. church but later joined the Reformed church. Following are their children:

Homer, born May 23, 1846.
Caroline, born September 7, 1848.
Orange, born Oct. 19, 1850.
Margaret, born January 16, 1853.
Alma, born November 22, 1859.

HOMER (William, Sr.; Philip; J. G.), born May 23, 1846, near Hessville, O. Received a common school education. He was married December 6, 1866, at Fremont, O., by Rev. E. Bushnell, to Lizzie Sherrard, a dressmaker, daughter of David and Catharine (Weldy) Sherrard, with whom he had one child, Dorothy, born August 29, 1868. His first wife having died, he married a second wife, May Hoy, at Toledo, O., by whom he had a daughter. Subsequently this wife was divorced from him and married a lawyer from Chicago. Homer later removed to St. Thomas, Province of Ontario, Canada, where he married again and is engaged in the wholesale carriage business.

DOROTHY (Homer; William, Jr.; William, Sr.; Philip; J. G.), born August 29, 1868. Married John W. Biddle, November 19, 1884, at Fremont, O. Mr. and Mrs. Biddle adopted a boy who was given the name of Burt Richardson Biddle. Mrs. Biddle was divorced from this husband and married Cliffton Hunn, of Buffalo, N. Y., November 17, 1892. Mr. Hunn is a traveling salesman.

CAROLINE (William, J.; William, Sr.; Philip; J. G.), born September 7, 1847, in Sandusky county, Ohio, south of Hessville. She was educated in the common schools, was a member of the Reformed church, and a woman of strong personality. Married December 6, 1866, by Rev. E. Bushnell, of Fremont, to Alfred Boyer, son of Samuel and Julia (Andrews) Boyer. He

was born March 9, 1846, in Carbon county, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio with his parents. Was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity and a successful traveling salesman for some of the leading boot and shoe firms of the country. He died August 21, 1896, at Lindsey, O. They had the following children:

Abigail, born December 29, 1868. Died May 1, 1891.

Emma Erdine, born December 26, 1872. Married Milton J. Arnold, of Fremont, O.

Alton Alfred, born May 8, 1875, married a Miss Haff, daughter of Fred Haff, of Townsend Twp.

Mae, born January 14, 1877.

James Arthur, born July 16, 1880. Died May 17, 1882.

On September 28, 1897, Mrs. Boyer was married to Solomon Overmyer, widower, at Lindsey, O., by Rev. E. Schmucker. He was a son of Michael and Esther (Hammer) Overmyer. (See line of Michael; John H.; J. G.) They resided at Lindsey and he engaged in farming his land situated north of town, until his death which occurred March, 1903. They had no children.

ORANGE (Wm. Jr.; Wm. Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), second son and third child of William and Abbagail (Waggoner) Overmyer, was born October 19th, 1850, south of Hessville, O. He received his early education in the country schools, and later attended Oberlin College. On October 15th, 1874, at Elmore, O., he married Mary Holtcamp, of German descent, daughter of Frederick and Mary (Huber) Holtcamp. She was born July 20th, 1854, at Toledo, O. Orange was raised on his father's farm, which he afterwards owned. Later he embarked in the hardware business at Lindsey, in which he was very successful. His store and contents having been destroyed by fire he, with renewed energy, built a fine, brick store-room, and furnished it with one of the most complete and up-to-date lines of hardware obtainable. He subsequently disposed of his store to a Mr. Tarnutzer. Orange's private residence, south of the former National Hotel, was one of the finest and most expensive in Lindsey. He owns a fine farm one mile south west of Hessville, known as the Sol. Foster farm, on which there are valuable oil wells. His income from these and from other sources makes him one of the most well-to-do residents of the county. He

also owns a farm northeast of Lindsey which he purchased of B. B. Overmyer. He is a mason and also a member of the K. O. T. M. In politics he is a Democrat, and has held local offices of honor and trust. They led a retired life in Lindsey up to the fall of 1904, then sold all his Lindsey property and moved to Fremont, Ohio. They have one child, Roscoe Conklin, born March 2nd, 1881. He is a graduate of the Tri-State Commercial College, at Toledo, O., and attended several terms at Oberlin College, and later at Heidelberg College at Tiffin, O.

MARGARET (Wm. Jr.; Wm. Sr.; Philip; J. G.), born January 16th, 1853, south of Hessville, O.; attended the common schools; was married April 5th, 1870, at Adrain, Mich., by Rev. Powell, to Nathan Cochran, son of David and Elizabeth (Mayes) Cochran, born November 9th, 1844, at Lewisburg, Pa. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., a Republican and has held local offices. Was a soldier of the Civil War in Co. B, 72nd Reg. O. V. I. Served 3 years and 2 months, at the end of which time he received an honorable discharge. They are both members of the Reformed church. They reside at Lindsey. Following are their children:

Marshall, born April 22nd, 1871; married Nettie Albert.

Emma, born October 23, 1873; married Frederick Auxtet.

Ervin, born August 25th, 1876, died March 8th, 1877.

Frank, born March 15th, 1881; graduate of Ohio Business University, Fremont, and now in the United States Navy.

Grace, born January 15th, 1883; died March, 1884.

Floydeau, born August 29th, 1890.

ALMA (Wm. Jr.; Wm. Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born Nov. 22, 1859, south of Hessville, Ohio; educated in the Lindsey schools; married November 6th, 1882, by Rev. Bernhart of Lindsey, to Charles Benner, born October 28, 1847, son of George and Louisa (Jones) Benner, of Union county, Pa. He was a soldier in Co. C, 21st Reg. Pa. Cavalry, which was mustered into service at Chambersburg, Pa., February 21st, 1864, and served until the close of the war. After the war he engaged in paintigng and was soon in great demand in his community, especially for artistic indoor work. He was a Republican in politics, and an

esteemed and respected citizen of Lindsey, where he died April 30th, 1899. His widow and son still reside there. They had two children:

Ralph, born June 3rd, 1883.

Glenn, born February 3rd, 1885.

POLLY (Wm. Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), marreid John Johnson. Their address is Leiter's Ford, Ind. Following are their children:

Catherine, married Robert Walters.

William, married Miss Fox.

Elizabeth, married Robert Price.

Sarah, died single.

Mary, Ellen and Daniel.

JACOB (Wm. Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born May 9th, 1826. in Union county, Pa. Came to Ohio when about 8 years old; went to Indiana in 1849; came back to Ohio a few months later, and the following year returned to Indiana where on November 7th, 1850 he married Susan Jones of Kewanna, Ind. She was born November 22nd, 1830, in Marion county, Ohio. After their marriage they farmed their mother's farm for a year, then moved upon the farm where they resided, near Kewanna, where he died February, 1892. They were members of the M. E. church and successful farmers. Following are their children:

Franklin, born December 18, 1859; he is a cripple, lives at home and was never married.

William, born February 18th, 1856; died March 17th, 1856.

Catherine, born September 14th, 1852; married Harry Chittenden March 18, 1887. He was in Oregon and sent for her and they were married there. Have no children.

Sarah, born June 12th, 1854; married George Monger, a carpenter. They lived at De Long, Ind., for some years, when they separated and he went away and has not been heard from since, but is supposed to be dead. Their children were: Albert, now a Methodist minister ,and Luella.

JOHN R. (Jacob; Wm; Phillip; J. G.), born September 7th, 1862; married Mary Rouch. Their home is at Huntington, Ind. He is in the employ of the Chicago and Erie R. R. They have:

Roy, born July, 1885.
Clarence, born August, 1886.
Susan, born September, 1890.

HARRIET (Jacob; Wm. Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born June 11th, 1857; married January 1st, 1874, to Charles Oswalt, farmer and carpenter. Their home is in Wabash county, Ind. He is a Democrat and both are members of the M. E church. Their children were born as follows:

Alonzo B., born August 14th, 1875.
Chauncey C., born July 24 th, 1877.
Florence, born July, 3rd, 1879. married Chas. Miltonberger.
Maude, born August 11th, 1889.
Bessie, born May 1st, 1883.
Chas. Earle, born December 15th, 1885.

SCHUYLER C. (Jacob; Wm, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born October 19th, 1866; marreid November 27th, 1889, to Florence Allison. They live on the Jacob Overmyer homestead and have the following children:

Frederick, born October 22nd, 1892.
Dessie, born November 7th, 1894.
Hobart, born October 17th, 1896.
Elizabeth, born May 16th, 1865; died May 24th, 1865.

MOLLIE (Jacob; Wm. Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born November 30th, 1869; married March 29th, 1892, to Allie Powell, an austioneer. They live in Wabash, Ind. She is a member of the M E. church.

JOHN (Wm. Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), fifth son and sixth child of William and Susan (Sanders) Overmyer, was born in Union caunty, Pa., May 9th, 1830, came with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1833, where he grew to manhood and received a limited education on January 9th, 1851; he married Catherine Waggoner, daughter of John and Mary (Bowman) Waggoner, born December 7th, 1833. They lived for a while on the old John Waggoner homestead in Sandusky township, later moved on to the old Solomon Waggoner farm in Washington townsirp, then owned by Charles Loose. In 1853, with Isaac Overmyer, John Anderson, and others, with one yoke of oxen and several

horse teams, they moved to Pulaski county, Ind., and located five miles east of Winamac. He purchased eighty acres of land from the government, and traded the oxen for forty acres and later bought forty acres more, having in all 160 acres, where they resided until his death. In 1861, at Logansport, Ind., he enlisted in the 49th Reg. Indiana Infantry, and served until January, 1865, when he was dischagre, having received an injury to one eye, from which he suffered much, during the remainder of his life. He was detailed to hospital service in Memphis being overseer of several wards. After being discharged, he returned to his farm and began renovating it, as it had been much neglected during his absence. He died February 19th, 1899, and is burried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Had the following children:

Harriet, born in Ohio April 27th, 1851; died in Indiana April 27th, 1873.

William H., born in Ohio March 25th, 1853.

Mary E., born in Indiana December 28th, 1854.

Sarah E., born June 13th, 1857.

Isaiah R., born August 11th, 1859.

WILLIAM H. (John; William; Phillip; J. G.), first son and second child of John and Catherine (Waggoner) Overmyer, was born in Ohio, March 25th, 1853, and was taken to Indiana by his parents, when an infant. There he grew to manhood and married Lavina Hiser; had one child; at present are all dead.

MARY E. (John; William; Phillip; J. G.), third child of John and Catherine (Waggoner) Overmyer, was born in Pulaski county, Indiana, December 28th, 1851, where she grew to womanhood and married John Hiser; had no children. They parted. She then married William Agnew and they had the following children:

Chester; John, and Catherine.

SARAH (John; William; Phillip; J. G.), fourth child of John and Catherine (Waggoner, was born in Pulaski county, Indiana, June 13th, 1857, and there married Henry Teems They are farmers, live in Cass county, Indiana, and have the following children:

John; George; Cora; Ernest and Hattie.

Philip A. Overmyer
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Wilbert G. Overmyer

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Isaiah Overmyer and Family.
Taken about 1889. (See page 161.)

Susannah (Overmyer) Newcomer and Husband.
She died July 19, 1905, since sketch was printed. (See page 161.)

ISAIAH R. (John; William; Phillip; J. G.), youngest son of John and Catherine Overmyer, was born August 11th, 1859, attended the common schools and later married Alice Smith. They are farmers, reside near Ora, Ind., and have the following children:

Daisie; John; Della; Leroy; Clem; Hennas and Frederick.

SUSANNAH (William; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of William and Susannah (Sanders) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., November 2nd, 1831, and came with her parents to Sandusky county, Ohio in 1833, where she grew to womanhood and on January 22, 1854, near Hessville, O., married Jacob Newcomer, son of Jacob and Susan (Burket) Newcomer, born in Perry county , O., August 22nd, 1833. Mr. Newcomer was section foreman on the L. S. & M. S. Railway at Lindsey, O., many years. Then moved on to a farm in Monroe county, Mich. Lately rented his farm and moved to the City of Monroe, and lead a retired life, had the following children:

Alice, born August 12th, 1857.

Lewis, born November 6th, 1861, and an infant daughter

HARRIET (Wiliam, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), lived at Lindsey, O., with her parents and on May 4th, 1854, married Dr. A. R. Thoimpson of Hessville, O. They moved to Elmore, O., where he practiced his profession. Later they moved to Kewanna, Ind., where she died March 3rd, 1894. He and their son, William H., live at Logansport, Ind.

ISAIAH (William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born May 6th, 1843, in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio; received his education in the Hessville schools and in the Paul Fought school east of Lindsey. Enlisted as a private in Co. K, 169th O. V. I., May 6th, 1864, and served at Fort Ethan Allen, and other places. Was honorably discharged at Ceveland, O., September 4th, 1864. He was married Dec. 6th, 1863, at Elmore, O., to Mahala Foster, daughter of Christian and Catherine (Overmyer) Foster. (See line of Michael; John M.; J. G.). She was born May 8th, 1846, near Hessville, O. They engaged in farming south of Lindsey. He is a member of the Lindsey Post G. A. R., a Republican, and has held various local offices. He is a prominent

worker in Sunday school and church. Mrs. Overmyer died June 23rd, 1894. Following were their children:

Clara Genella, born September 26th, 1864.
Louis Frederick, born March 14th, 1866.
William Franklin, born November 14th, 1870.
Ida Estella, born January 1st, 1873.
George W., born February 22nd, 1878; died May 21st, 1878.

Isaiah married a second wife, Samantha Munk, born December 21st, 1863, daughter of Rev. Chrsitopher A. and Sarah (Sheller) Munk, on November 14th, 1895, at Lindsey, O, Rev. C. Schmucker officiating. No children have been born of this second union.

CLARA GENELLA (Isaiah; William; Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born at Lindsey, O., September 26th, 1864; educated in the Lindsey schools, and later dressmaking. She was married July 26th, 1883 at Lindsey, by Rev. J. J. Bernhart, to Frank Fought, born May 31st, 1861, son of Samuel and Susan (Klutz) Fought. He was born and raised in Washington township. He is engaged in farming, in politics is a Republican. They are members of the Evangelical church at Lindsey. He has served on the village council. They have one child, Eva May, born May 15th, 1891. They live on Main street, Lindsey, Ohio.

LOUIS FREDERICK (Isaiah; William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born March 14th, 1866, at Lindsey, Ohio. He was educated in the village schools. On December 20th, 1888, he married Estella Dieffenbach, of near Hessville, O., daughter of David and Elizabeth (Krashner) Dieffenbach. She was born March 16th, 1868. They are members of the M. E. church, he is a Republican and is engaged in mercantile pursuits at Leiter's Ford, Fulton county, Ind.; he plays an instrument in the Band there and they are very successful and popular in their community. They have two children:

Lyla May, born May 18th, 1891.
Gerald, born October 31, 1894.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN (Isaiah; William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), son of Isaiah and Mahala (Foster) Overmyer, was born

November 14th, 1870, at Lindsey, O., was educated in the Lindsey schools and married Bertha Curtis Jaunary 31st, 1894, at Leiter's Ford, Ind. They lived at Rea, Mich., and had one child, Marjorie, born May 11th, 1899. Mrs Overmyer died in a hospital at Detroit, April 22nd, 1901, and is burried at Leiter's Ford, Ind. He married Clara Belle Miller, of Rea, Mich., February 15th, 1902. He has a general store and is Postmaster at Rea, Mich., where they reside.

IDA ESTELLA (Isaiah; William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born Jan. 1, 1873, at Lindsey, O. Educated in the Lindsey schools, she grew up to be a refined and estimable young lady. For several years she was afflicted with stomach trouble which at one time became so serious as to cause apprehension for her life. She was finally restored to health and on March 15th, 1899, married Loren Nichols of Lindsey, O., a well educated and popular young man. He is a graduate of the Ohio Northern University at Ada, O., class of 1894, scienific course. After their marriage, they moved on a farm near Penn Yan, N. Y., where they now reside; are farmers; members of the Evangelical church. Children:

Ralph C., born December 14th, 1901; died January 19th, 1905.

Charlotte A., born September 19th, 1904.

LOUIS W. (William Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born July 31st, 1846, in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio. He was educated in the common schools and later taught school near Elmore, O. On April 27th, 1869, he married, at Lindsey, Lovina Foster, born in 1849 near Hessville, O., daughter of Christian and Catherine (Overmyer) Foster. (See line of Michael; John M.; J. G.) She died October 11th, 1874. They had one child, Gladys F., born March 27th, 1874. Louis W. married a second wife, Melissa M. Prevoncha, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Cavalier) Prevoncha, born October 6th, 1857, at Sandusky, O. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Bernhart of the Evangelical church at Lindsey. During the first six years of his married life Louis engaged in the lumber business, owning and operating the mill later owned by Beery & Davis. Later he and his brother Isaac engaged in the genral merchandise busi-

ness at Lindsey, in which they have been very successful. In 1895 their store with its contents was destroyed. They are still engaged in the business and enjoy a large patronage. Louis is a member of the I. O. O. F., a Republican, and takes an active interest in church work, being a member of the Reformed church. Was a leader of the Lindsey Band for many years, and is one of the directors of the Colonial Savings Bank & Trust Co., Fremont, Ohio.

GLADYS F. (Louis W.; William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born March 27th, 1874, at Lindsey, Ohio,; was educated in the Lindsey schools; grew up to be a popular and accomplished young lady. On June 12, 1900, she was married by Rev. Rothenburg to Mozart Gallup, of Sandusky, O., President of the Sandusky Tool Company. They reside at Sandusky and spend much time in travel.

ISAAC N. (William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born March 25th, 1850 at Lindsey, O. Attended the Lindsey schools and later was a student at Oberlin College. He also completed a course of study at the Pittsburg Commercial college, where he was employed as an instructor for some time later. On Nov. 9th, 1874, he married Mary A. Artz, of Rice township, Sandusky county, O., daughter of Jacob and Helen (Nuhfer) Artz, born September 8th, 1851, in Rice township. Isaac is engaged in the mercantile business at Lindsey, being a member of the firm of Overmyer Bros. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., a Republican, and one of the energetic and substantial business men of the town, being one of the incorporators of the Colonial Bank and Trust Company, of Fremont, O. They are members of the Evangelical church, and reside on Main street, Lindsey, O They have one child, Daisy I, born March 23rd, 1878.

DAISY I. (Isaac N.; William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), was born at Lindsey, O., March 23rd, 1878; she attended the Lindsey schools and received a good education. She also acquired a good musical education and later taught music for a short time. She early associated herself with the Evangelical church and was a prominent member of the Young Peoples' Alliance. On April

5th, 1898, she married Clarence C. Wolfe, of Lindsey, son of Jessiah and Lizzie (Loose) Wolfe. He was born March 13th, 1875, at Lindsey; attended the Lindsey schools and later graduated from the Academy at Hudson, O. He is also a graduate of the Toledo Business College, and was a student at Oberlin. He has succeeded his father in the grain and live stock business at Lindsey, in which he is very successful. He is a man of sterling qualities, a good business man, and a respected citizen. He is a Republican and has held the office of Township Clerk of Washington township. They have:

Dorothy C., born September 16th, 1901.
Charles Carrol, born October 8th, 1903.

BENJAMIN F. (William; Phillip; J. G.),tenth son and fourteenth child of William Overmyer, being the fifth son and sixth child from the second wife, was born near Lindsey, O., March 27th, 1856; was educated in the schools of that place and later took a course of Medicine at the Starling Medical College, Columbus, O., graduating in 1882, and at once located at Leiter's Ford, Ind., and in a short time built up a lucrative practice, and later took an interest in a general store with M. G. Storm(his father-in-law), so continued until his partner died, then bought the entire stock, and later formed a partnership with his nephew, Louis Overmyer, for two years, then sold out to Louis, and started a drug store, but later again added a general store in connection with the drug store. He has been appointed postmaster under three administrations, and serves in that capacity at the present time; has seen great improvements in the vicinity of Leiter's Ford, especialy in the roads since locating there.

On December 28th, 1881, at Blissfield, Mich., he married Nellie Storm, daughter of Milton G. and Sarah A. Storm, born at Spring Arbor, Mich., December 13th, 1852. He is a member of I. O. O. F., and Major of Camp Militant Uniform Rank, a Republican and assistant secretary of state board of health of Indiana. Is still engaged in his profession and resides at Leiter's Ford, Ind., his first wife died May 15th, 1901. On November 12th, 1902, he married Miss Davidson, born at Leiter's Ford, Ind., April 19th, 1869.

BARBARA ELLA (William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born July 18th, 1853, married Daniel Munk. Their address is Groveport, O. They have the following children:

Oliver; Harry; Charles; Arthur; Mildred; Wonetta, and Malcom.

ALBERT E. (William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born February 28th, 1858, at Lindsey, O.; attended the Lindsey schools and received a fair education. When he was eleven years old his father died, so he lived, for five years, with his brother, Isaiah, for whom he worked on the farm. He then entered an apprenticeship in blacksmithing, with J. E. Boyer, carriage maker, but only remained for six months. He left Lindsey in the fall of 1877, and went to Michigan, near Raisinville, where he worked on a farm during the summer and taught school during the winter for two years. He then returned to Lindsey and was employed by Aaron Kreilick for about six months. He then became a member of the firm of Boyer & Overmyer in a general merchandise and grocery store at Hessville, O., where he remained for about six months. He then sold his interests and went to Raisinville, Mich., where he started into business for himsef. Here he was very successful and made money from the start. He was appointed postmaster there and served fourteen years. In 1891, he opened a branch store at Rea, Mich., but the next year it was destroyed by fire, which entailed a loss of $1,500. He then built a new store, and in 1894 sold it to Isaiah Overmyer's sons, Louis and Frank. In 1895 he moved to Toledo, O., and the following spring the Paddock, Overmyer Co., of wholesale grocers, was organized. He is president and manager of the firm and they are enjoying a lucrative business.

On July 25th, 1883, at Raisinville, Mich., he married Henrietta M. Rauch, born at Ida, Mich., January 30th, 1862, daughter of Henry H., and Mary A., (Ackley) Rauch.

The following children have been born to them:

Gertrude B., born June 9th, 1884.
Bessie M., born September 7th, 1886.
Harrison M., born September 4th, 1888.
Elsie E., born February 13th, 1893.

MINERVA ALICE (William, Sr.; Phillip; J. G.), born May 20th, 1861, at Lindsey, O., attended the village schools, and resided on her father's farm until she was sixteen. On January 1st, 1880, she married James Carroll Bowers, ofLindsey, O., born January 31st, 1862, son of Cyrus and Catherine (Catherman) Bowers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Conklin Mr. Bowers was born in Lancaster county, Pa. He is a Republican, and has served on the village council. His occupation is that of butcher and dealer in live stock. Mrs. Bowers is a member of the Evangelical church, of the Order of Good Templars and Woman's Missionary Society. They have the following children:

Golden Yoonne, born February 27th, 1881, married Bert Hesselbart December 16th, 1899.

Ada Elizabeth, born October 16th, 1883; married June, 1905, Edward Thayer.

Horatio Warren, born February 4th, 1886; died November 8th, 1891.

Loyd Milan, born May 18th, 1888; died November 7th, 1891.

Leon Duwane, born November 10th, 1893.

Malcom Carroll, born August 17th, 1896.

JACOB (Phillip; J. G.), the son of Phillip and grandson of John George, the emigrant, was born July 4th, 1797, in Union county, Pa. He was therefore, born on our nation's 21st birthday. He resided with his parents attending the country school as it existed in those days, until he had acquired a limited education in the German language. August 5th, 1821, he was united in marriage to Catherine Anderson by Rev. Geo. Heim, of the Lutheran church in Union county, Pa. She was born December 3rd, 1802, in the same vicinity, and for about six years they engaged in farming in Pennsylvania, then went from there to New York state, as stated in the sketch of his father in this volume, and in 1834 they came with his parents and other relatives to Sandusky county, going by canal to Buffalo, thence by boat to Sandusky, thence via Lower Sandusky and the Maumee and Western Reserve Pike to the old Bauman farm, at Hessville, O., where he and his family resided until they had erected a house on the 160 acres of land in Washington township, north of Lindsey

O., which he had bought from the government at $1.25 per acre, to which he removed his family. After the erection of the house, which was built of logs and afterwards hewn flat on the inner sides, giving the walls a flat surface, it was a two story dwelling in the sense that the children slept in the upper story crowded immediately beneath the clap-board roof, which was by no means snow proof, and very often they would find their covering and clothes covered with snow, when awakening in the morning.

Here he settled down to pioneer life, clearing and fencing his farm. He had worked at the wagon and plow makers trade and was a splendid workman with carpenter tools. When the old Ohio Railroad was started it ran across a part of his farm and he earned considerable money working for the company, his work being to fasten the wooden ties and rails on top of the post or spiles with cedar pins.

He was one of the founders of the Evangelical church at Lindsey and continued as one of its best supporters until he died. He was a Republican in politics and a thrifty and prosperous man in his community, having acquired considerable real estate, which is still nearly all in the hands of his children. His son Amos owns the old homestead and resides there..

Jacob never enjoyed many educational advantages and what education he had was mostly in the German language, but in mental work he was quite skilled and could calculate anything pertaining to his business without the aid of a pencil. In personal appearance he is described as having been quite a tall man, broad shouldered, rather raw-boned, always had a smooth ruddy complexiond face, was of a quiet and peaceable disposition and seemed to enjoy the best of health, when he was afflicted with a carbuncle on the back of his neck, from the effects of which he died, February 3rd, 1863, aged 65 years, 6 months and 29 days. His widow continued to reside on the old homestead until she died, October 14th, 1874. Their remains are interred in the Lindsey cemetery.

They had:

John, born March 18th, 1822; died August 5th, 1824.

Phillip A., born December 19th, 1823.

William, born August 30th, 1825.

George, born August 29th, 1827.

Sally Ann, born January 19th, 1829.
Luke, born December 14th, 1831.
Agnes, born January 17th, 1834.
Susannah, born February 14th, 1836.
Mary, born April 23rd, 1838.
Catharine, born March 17th, 1841.
Amos, born May 23rd ,1843.
Amanda, born September 26th, 1845.

PHILIP A. (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), the oldest son which grew to manhood, of Jacob and Catharine (Anderson) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., December 19th, 1823, and emigrated to New York state with his father when a child, and accompanied them on their journey to Sandusky county, in 1834. He shared the hardships and labor of pioneer life, being the oldest son he had very little chance to acquire an education, though he attended the country school as it then existed in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio. He married January 2nd, 1848, by Rev. Henry Lang, Margaret Waggoner, daughter of George and Margaret (Klinger) Waggoner. He engaged in farming and was also a wagonmaker, as his father had been, and for about twenty years he owned and operated a saw mill on Big Mud Creek in what is now the suburbs of Lindsey, and when the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad was built, he supplied the Company with much of the sawed material for bridges, ties, etc.

When the country was in the toils of the Civil War he was elected 2nd Lieutenant of Co. K, 169th O. N. G., May 4th, 1864, and went with his regiment to the defence of Washington city, being stationed at Fort Ethan Allen and Fort Massey. Company K was commanded by Captain H. R. Bowlus, and the regiment by Col. Nathaniel Haynes, both of Fremont, Ohio.

They had:

Catharine, born December 8th, 1848; died August 3rd, 1849.
Mary Etta, born May 23rd, 1850.
Newton W., born May 23rd, 1852.
Jacob Marion, born October 10th, 1854.
Isadore B., born August 21st, 1856.
Abraham H., born November 22nd, 1858.

Abagail, born April 23rd, 1863.

Wm. Sherman, born December 19th, 1864; died January 2nd, 1865.

Mrs. Overmyer died at Lindsey, O., and Philip married for his second wife Elizabeth Reed, November 14th, 1867, by Rev. Strawman at Lindsey, O.

She was the daughter of Peter and Mary (Burkett) Reed, who came from Perry county, O., and resided about 2 miles northeast of Lindsey.

Philip and his family resided on the farm just south of Lindsey until 1878, when they sold their farm to John J. Waggoner and bought the farm where they have since resided on Tiffin street, Fremont, O. Here he died January 22nd, 1897. His widow and some of the children still reside on the farm.

They had:

Lillie May, born May 27th, 1868.
Sanford Phillip, born July 14th, 1873.
Susie Estella, born October 10th, 1875.
Irvin Winfield, born June 24th, 1878.

MARY ETTA (Philip A.; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), was born at Lindsey, O., May 23rd, 1850, was educated in the common schools and married David Auxter, May 13th, 1868. He was the son of Christian and Mary Auxter, and was born near Lindsey, O., April 25th, 1846. He has been engaged in business at various places and at present has a shoe store at Oak Harbor, where they reside. They had:

EmeryW., born July 1, 1869, lives at Marblehead.
Robert H., born November 13th, 1871, lives at Oak Harbor.
Liscom D., born August 4th, 1873.
Francis M., born July 2nd, 1875; died July 9th, 1882.
Cora B., born April 24th, 1877, married Mr. Jenkins.
Newton W., born July 5th, 1881; died September 8th, 1881.
Blanche C., born May 2nd, 1886.

NEWTON W., (Philip A.; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), the eldest son of Philip A., and Margaret Overmyer, was born March 23rd, 1852, at Lindsey, O. He worked on his father's farm and in the saw-mill and attended the common school during the winter

months. After he had grown to manhood he went to work in Cleveland, O., and there married Elizabeth Woodworth. They still reside in Cleveland, where he has been engaged as yard-master at the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern yards. They had:

Lillie, died.
William, born July 14, 1879.
Henry, born August 6, 1881.
Bessie.

JACOB MARION (Philip A.; Jacob; Philip, J. G.), son of Philip A. and Margaret Overmeyer, was born at Lindsey, O., October 10, 1854. He received a common school education and when a young man went to Chicago, Ill., to work. There he married December 28, 1892, Alice Pearson Gilbert. She was born at Flint, Mich., April 17, 1865, the daughter of Joseph P. and Eizabeth J. Gilbert. They reside in Chicago Heights, Ill., and he is engaged in the grocery and meat business. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, a Republican in politics and they are members of the M. E. church. They had:

Irene Elizabeth, born October 23, 1896. Died in infancy.

Judson Gilbert Marion, born April 9, 1899. Died August 23, 1900.

ISADORE B. (Philip A.; Jacob, Philip; J. G.), was born August 21, 1856, at Lindsey, O. He worked on the farm for his father for some time and later went to Chicago, Ill., where he married Kittie Mulligan. He is a machinist and has been employed in bridge building. He is a Republican in politics and resides in Woodstock, Ill. They have:

Russell Alger.
Margaret Varonica.

ABRAHAM H. (Philip A.; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), was born November 22, 1858, at Lindsey, Sandusky county, Ohio. He was reared on his father's farm, attended the common schools in winter, and working on the farm and in a saw-mill during the summer. In 1878 he moved to Fremont, O., with his parents. On December 25, 1879, he was married to Josephine Van Ness, of Hessville, O., daughter of Samuel and Mary (Grundy) Van Ness. She is of English extraction, was educated in the Fremont

public schools and Ashland Normal school, after which she taught school nine terms at Hessville, and in the vicinity of her home. He is a member of the M. W. A., a Republican in politics, and following farming in Ballville township, south of Fremont, until the spring of 1905, then sold their farm and moved to Rapidan, Culpepper county, Virginia. To them have been born the following children:

Jesse Lorenzo, born February 9, 1881.

Guy Abraham, born November 21, 1882.

Philip Tristan, born January 5, 1885.

Horatio John, born November 10, 1886. Died March 10, 1887.

Mary Josephine, born June 27, 1888; married Samuel Brosius.

Inez Emily, born June 16, 1891.

Beatrice Marion, born October, 3, 1893.

Howard Ervin, born September 16, 1896.

Alta Lillian, born July 3, 1898.

ABIGAIL (Philip A.; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born April 23, 1863, at Lindsey, O. Was educated in the common schools, moved to Fremont with her parents in 1878. There she married John S. Kalb, by whom she had:

Lucretia, born October 18, 1881.

Marietta, born February 3, 1885.

Mrs. Kalb was separated from her husband, after which she married Fred. Heim, of Bellevue, O. He was engaged in business in that town until he died, February, 1903. On September 7, 1904, she married Fernando Cortez Allen. He is a conductor on the Nickel Plate railway and they reside at 3183 80th street, Cleveland, Ohio.

LILLIE MAY (Philip A.; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born May 27, 1868, at Lindsey, O. Ten years later she moved to Fremont with her parents, attended the Fremont schools, from which she graduated. On May 19, 1892, at Cleveland, O., she married Harry Blanchard, of that city, son of Zebadiah and Jennie Anthony Blanchard. He was born November 24, 1867, in Cleveland. He is a captain of a fire tug in Cleveland harbor. She is

a member of the Franklin Avenue M. E. church, and a teacher in the Sunday school; also a member of the board of managers of the Jones Home for friendless children. Their address is No. 6 Fulton street, Cleveland, O. They are foster parents to Grace E., born December 30, 1895.

SANFORD PHILIP (Philip A.; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born July 14, 1873, at Lindsey, O., moved to Fremont with his parents in 1878, where he attended the Union schools. On June 26, 1895, he married Bertha Smith, born February 10, 1877, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, of Cleveland, O. They now reside in that city, where he is a member of the fire depart ment on the West Side, Engine House No. 4. Their address is Clinton avenue, Northwest. They have two children:

Berdie Lorene, born December 3, 1896.
Nadine Lillian, born February 16, 1899.

SUSAN ESTELLA (Philip A.; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born October 10, 1875, at Lindsey, O., moved to Fremont with her parents three years later. Attended the Fremont schools; was married August 4, 1896, at Cleveland, O., to Glenn Anderson. They reside in that city, where he is engaged as engineer of a fire tug in Cleveland harbor. They have two children:

Harold Glenn, born August 26, 1897.
Vernon Charles, born September 16, 1901.
P. O. address is 38 Mecca street, Cleveland, O.

IRVIN WINFIELD (Philip A.; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born June 24, 1878, at Lindsey, O. Moved to Fremont with his parents, where he attended the public schools. On June 29, 1899, he married Jennie Diedler, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Stull) Diedler, born July 14, 1879. He is a M. W. of A., a republican in politics, and they reside on the Philip A. Overmeyer homestead on Tiffin street, Fremont, Ohio. They have one child:

Iva L., born May 15, 1900.

WILLIAM (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born August 30, 1825, in New York state, near Cayuga Bridge. Emigrated with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, in spring of 1834. Here he worked for his father and later served as hired man for a farmer

in Seneca county and at Lodi, O. He was a good woodsman and took contracts for clearing lands in winter. He owned and operated one of the old open threshing machines of those days. About 1850 he went to Indiana and there married Lucy Ann Wales, born November 8, 1828. They engaged in farming on their own large farm in Fulton county, Indiana; also owned valuable property in Rochester, Ind. He was a Republican, a great reader, thus keeping well posted on current events, a man of generous spirit, and genial disposition, a friend to every one. In his business relations he was very successful. They were both members of the Evangelical church. He died January 2, 1890, and was buried northeast of Leiter's Ford, Ind. She followed February 15, 1897. They had children as follows:

Albert, born August 8, 1851. Died in childhood.

Amanda, born May 7, 1853. Died in childhood.

Wesley, born May 17, 1855. Died at the age of 15 years.

Frank L., born October 7, 1857. Now living at Rochester, Ind.

Amos, born January 13, 1860. Lives near Leiter's Ford, Ind.

Mary, born May 24, 1862.

Catharine, born November 12, 1864. Died in childhood.

Lillian, born November 27, 1866.

Chauncey D., born April 22, 1869.

William, born January 5, 1873. Died in childhood.

FRANK L. (William; Jacob; Philip; P. G.), born near Leiter's Ford, Indiana, October 7th, 1857. Was married to Rosanna Zink. Were farmers and both belong to the Evangelical church. He is a Republican and now lives at Rochester, Ind., and have the following children:

May, now dead.

Glenn.

Dessie.

Carrie, born May, 1893.

AMOS (William; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born January 13, 1860. Received a fair education in his youth. Was married March 18, 1883, to Ellen Bruce, born March 9, 1859. They have since followed farming on their beautiful farm, two miles north-

est of Leiter's Ford, Ind. They are members of the Evangelical church and he is a Republican. They have three children:

Clara, born February 13, 1881. Died September 30, 1897.
S. L., born September 13, 1889.
Wandah, born July 17, 1897.

MARY, (William; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), is married to Sidney Leiter, of Kewana, Ind., has the following children:

William.
Clyde.
Lucy.
Marie.
An infant, dead.

LILLIAN (William; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), daughter of William and Lucy A. Overmeyer, was born November 27, 1866, in Fulton county, Indiana, and married Andrew E. Babcock, September 27, 1885. He was born October 31, 1858, in Fulton county, Indiana, son of Rev. A. E. and Anna Babcock. They are members of the M. E. church and she a member of the D. of R. They reside on a farm. Their address is Argos, Ind., Route No. 12. They have four children:

Guy G., born September 5, 1886.
Gladys A., born March 7, 1889.
Otto R., born May 10, 1891.
Dean, E., born August 31, 1893.

CHAUNCEY D. (William; Jacob; Philip J. G.), was educated in the common schools; married Sarah. C Myers, September 6, 1891. She was born January 22, 1873, daughter of John and Rosanna (Rapp) Myers. They followed farming several years, then went into the furniture and implement business at Culver, Ind. In December, 1901, they sold out this business and returned to the farm. They have a beautiful home three miles northeast of Leiter's Ford. They are members of the Evangelical church, and he is a Prohibition in politics. They have:

Ralph Reo., born February 14, 1893.
Maine, Augusta, born November 1, 1897.

GEORGE (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born August 29, 1827, near Cayuga Bridge, N. Y. Emigrated with his parents to Sandusky

county, Ohio, in the spring of 1834, and located in Washington township. He worked on his father's farm and attended school some, work, however, keeping him out of school most of the time; some winters he only attended two days. In 1836 he attended school taught by Julia Eversole.. During the civil war he was drafted but hired William Lamale to serve as substitute, in Co. K. 169th Reg. On January 23, 1848, he married Maria Miller, of Washington township, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Stierwalt) Miller, born August 12, 1829. Her parents came from Pennsylvania to Richland county, later to Butler and then to Sandusky county in 1843. Mr. and Mrs. Overmeyer in 1861 moved on the Henry Burkett farm, 1½ miles north of Lindsey, O., where they resided the remainder of their lives. During earlier years he was a great hunter in the forests of the Black Swamp, and in more recent years, game becoming scarce, he made several hunting expeditions into Northern Michigan. On one of these trips, while out early one morning, he spied a deer, noticing that it did not bound away as others did, he took aim and fired, and on going up to it was surprised to find its antelers interlockd with those of another buck, already dead, the two evidently having been engaged in deadly combat. He brought the interlocked antlers home, where he kept them until a short time before he died, when he gave them to his son Eugene. In earlier years he and George B. (George L.; John M.; J. G.), owned and operated one of the old style open threshing machines, to which they later had a shaker attached. They did all their neighbors' threshing and sometimes got down in the vicinity of Mud Creek Bay and the Sandusky river. He remembered of having, when a boy, carried water to the men who boarded with his father and worked on the old Ohio R. R. He and his brother hauled logs to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont) with oxen. There being no fear of the oxen running away and as they knew enough to turn out when meeting another team on the road, the boys would start them off unattended by a driver, load up the horse team and overtake the oxen before they got to town. Once, however, the oxen fooled them, and turned in at Machlin's hotel in Lower Sandusky. Mr. Overmeyer related many interesting incidents of the early days. They were leading, prosperous farmers. He died November 3, 1903, having been to Lindsey with his son

Residence of Louis F. Overmyer
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Residence of Dr. B. F. Overmyer, Leiter's Ford, Indiana

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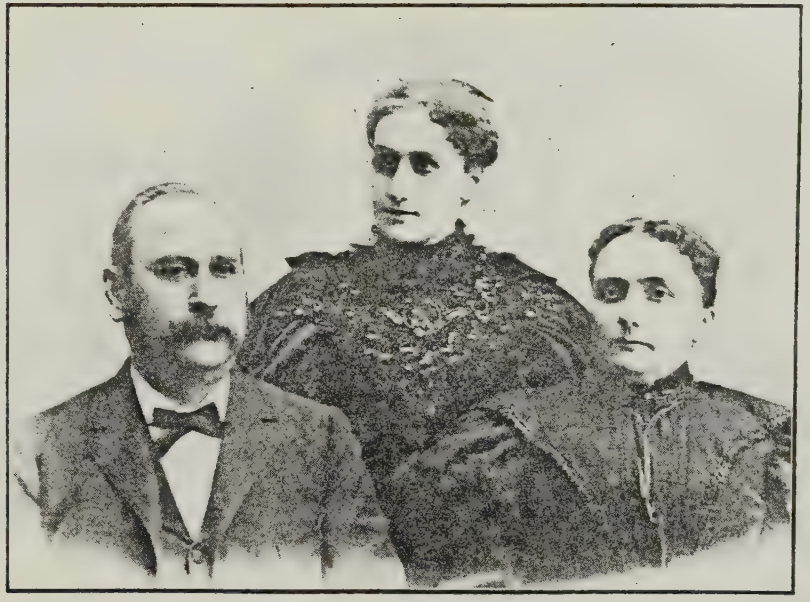

Isaac N. Overmyer and Family.
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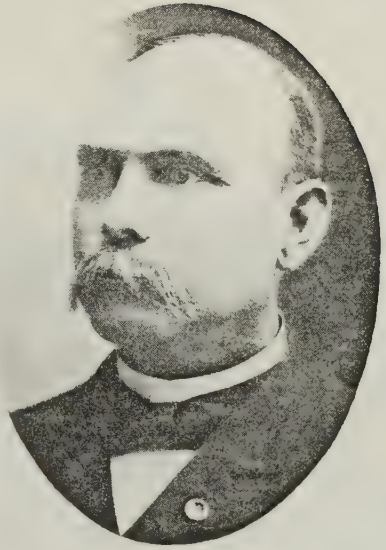
Nellie (Storm) Overmyer.
(Deceased.)



Dr. B. F. Overmyer.
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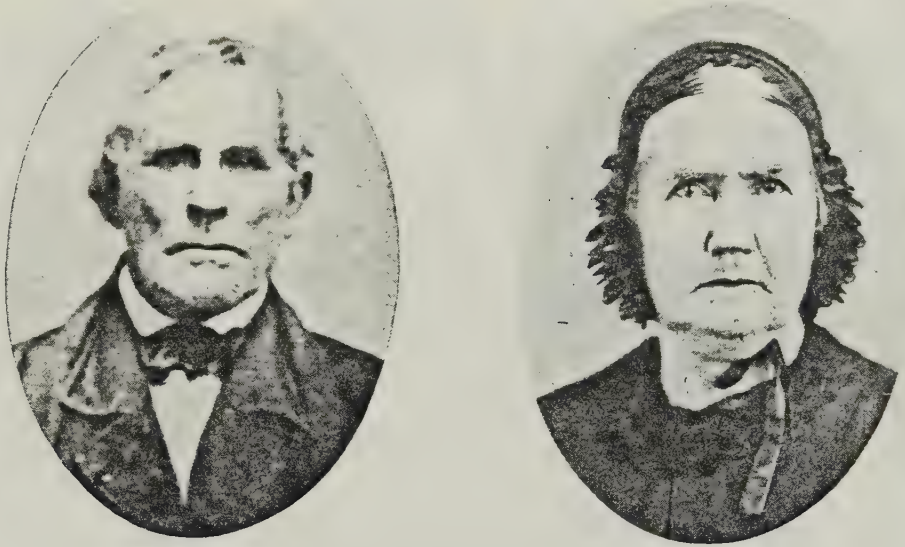
Ollie (Davidson) Overmyer.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Overmyer
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Taken about 1894

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Overmyer

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Catharine Mary Amos Agnes

Phillip A. Amanda George

William Overmyer, Sr.
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Albert E. Benjamin F. Isaac N. Louis W. Isiah.
Minerva A. Barbara E.

Second Wife and Children of William, Sr.

Taken about 1895. (See page 150.)

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Frank Overmyer and Family
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Ellen. Austin. J. Morris. Eugene.

Taken about 1883. Mr. and Mrs. George Overmyer and Family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Overmyer.

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Eugene to the election polls and cast his vote and when they reached home and were still seated in the carriage he suddenly threw up his hands and said, "I am going now," and expired. She died April 5, 1902 and both are buried at Lindsey cemetery. They had:

An infant, born September, 1850. Died January 29, 1851.

Sarah Ellen, born December 28, 1851.

Austin, born April 15, 1854.

Jacob Morris, born February 25, 1857.

Eugene, born January 29, 1862.

Catharine Elizabeth, born October 27, 1864. Died October 10, 1873.

SARAH ELLEN (George; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born December 28, 1851, in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio; attended the common schools; was married December 25, 1872, at her father's home to Michael Murphy, son of Patrick and Bridget Murphy, born October 16, 1850, at South Framingham, Middlesex county, Massachusetts. He received a common school education; came to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1867, and for four years following was employed by George June. Later he worked for Samuel Waggoner on his farm one year, then married. They are farmers and reside on their farm, across the street from her old home. They have:

Hattie Maria, born February 12, 1874. Married August 30, 1894, to John Ireland. They have: Bessie Hildew, born May 17, 1895; Clayton Orville, born June 16, 1897, died February 28, 1898; Lila May, born October 30, 1900.

George R., born October 2, 1876. Married Clara Shively on June ?, 1896. They have: Ethel Corene, born February 3, 1897; Ora M., born September 1, 1898.

Ora Matilda, born January 22, 1882. Married Noah Hetrick, a carriage maker, of Lindsey, O.

Laura Jeannetta, born December 3, 1883. Married Oscar Schneider.

Fred Eugene, born May 1, 1889.

Clarence Le Roy, born October 15, 1894.

AUSTIN (George; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born April 15, 1854, near Lindsey, O. He attended the common schools and

later was a student at Berea, Ohio. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and on November 14, 1878, at Sandusky, O., he was married to Elizabeth Balduf, born at Clyde, O., November 28, 1854, daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Forefelter) Balduf. They moved on a farm near Rochester, Ind., in the spring of 1884. Some time later while removing stumps by means of a heavy pry, he received an injury which ultimately resulted in his death. The pry struck his head, fracturing his skull. He later moved back to his father's home. After several surgical operations at Chicago which afforded only temporary relief, he died November 11, 1889. They had:

Wilbert G., born October 9, 1879.
Marie S., born December 31, 1880.
Louisa B., born November 12, 1882.
William M., born November 24, 1885.

Mrs. Overmeyer and children resided on their farm 1½ miles north of Lindsey until 1904, when they sold their land to David Miller and moved to Fremont, where she and her two sons reside. Wilbert is a telegraph operator and is manager of the Western Union office at Fremont, and William is employed as a plumber.

MARIE S., daughter of Austin and Elizabeth Overmeyer, was born December 31, 1880, and lived with her mother until September 6, 1900, when she married Arthur Auxter. He was born October 30, 1875, near Lindsey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Auxter. They are engaged in farming and reside 1 mile west of Lindsey on the Daniel Auxter homestead. They have two children:

Emerson A., born September 12, 1901.
Dorothy M., born December 10, 1902.

LOUISA B., second daughter of Austin and Elizabeth Overmeyer, was born November 12, 1882, and married Reuben Hetrick October 23, 1902. He was born February 26, 1878, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hetrick. They are engaged in farming about 3 miles east of Lindsey on the Jacob Hetrick farm, which they now own. They have one child:

Irene E., born October 13, 1903.

JACOB MORRIS (George; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), was born February 25, 1857, near Lindsey, Ohio, and received his early education in the country school, after which he was a student at Oberlin college. He married December 27, 1877, Mary L. Hetrick, at Lindsey, Ohio, Rev. Reinholt officiating. She was born August 29, 1860, in Rice township, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Seigenthaler) Hetrick. They have always followed farming. He is a member of the K. O. T. M., a Republican in politics and has served on the Board of Education and held other local offices in his community. They reside on their farm southwest of Fremont. They had:

Esther Alberta, born January 16, 1878.
Mary Elsie, born August 19, 1879.
Clara Alice, born August 12, 1884.
Mabel May, born July 12, 1889.
Ilola Fay, born April 28, 1898.

ESTHER A., eldest daughter of Morris and Mary L. Overmeyer, was born January 16, 1878, and married February 8, 1900, Henry E. Cochran. He was born December 15, 1872, son of Jacob H. and Melissa D. (Hartgrove) Cochran . They reside in Fremont, O., where he follows painting and paper hanging and during the winter months is employed as clerk in a drug store. They have two children:

Esther M., born October 3, 1900.
Hazel L., born October 18, 1901.

MARY ELSIE, daughter of Morris and Mary L. Over-meyer, was born August 19, 1879, and married January 6, 1898, by Rev. Seager, Arthur Fought. He was born March 14, 1878, son of William and Sarah (Richards) Fought. They reside in Fremont, Ohio, and have a daughter, born January 6, 1904.

CLARA ALICE, the third daughter of Morris and Mary L. Overmeyer, was born August 12, 1884, married in 1902, Joseph Menkhaus, of Fremont, O. He was formerly employed as cutter in the Jackson Underwear Factory and later resided in Toledo. They have no children.

EUGENE (George; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born January 29, 1862, near Lindsey, O. He received a common school education

and worked on his father's farm until he grew to manhood, always taking great delight in having fine horses and good equipments. He was married by Rev. Mills, at Fremont, O, June 26, 1890, to Ida E. Buck, born in Sandusky township, April 25, 1863, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Hendricks) Buck. They own the southern portion of the George Overmeyer homestead, 1 mile north of Lindsey, where they reside and are engaged in farming. They have no children, but have with them a nephew, Walter C. Buck, born August 28, 1896, son of Noah Buck.

SARAH ANN (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born January 19, 1829, and died April 12, 1879. On February 11, 1849, she married Hiram Waggoner, born December 16, 1827, died January 11, 1883. After their marriage at Lindsey, O., they moved to Leiter's Ford, Ind., where they are both buried. They were prosperous farmers and had a nice home. They had:

John J., born February 19, 1850. Now living at Leiter's Ford.

Philip H., born September 13, 1855. Now at Monterey, Ind.

William E., born September 22, 1865. Now a blacksmith and wagoner at Leiter's Ford.

Mary Ellen, born December 22, 1858. Married John Van Kirk, of Leiter's Ford. She is now dead.

Catharine, born January 30, 1869. Died.

Sarah C., born Feb. 5, 1854. Died.

Charles, born November, 1872. Died.

LUKE (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born December 14, 1831, in New York state. Received a common school education and worked on his father's farm and on the L. S. & M. S. R. R. (See sketch of William A.) He married February 8, 1852, to Mary Burkett, born November 30, 1832, daughter of Henry and Catharine Burkett, of Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio. Soon after marrying, in 1854, they moved to Pulaski county, Indiana, where he bought a farm and carried on farming, and speculated in live stock, frequently going to Chicago for this purpose. He and Israel Overmeyer also operated a threshing machine. About 1880 he sold his farm there and bought

where they now live, near Burr Oak. He died later and was buried at Burr Oak. He was a heavy-set, jolly, good-natured fellow, full of original jokes and a good companion and an auctioneer. His widow still lives at Burr Oak. They had the following children:

George W,, born February 16, 1852.
Catharine, born September 3, 1853.
Benneville, born November 11, 1855.
Marion, born April 22, 1858.
Mary Jane, born May 1, 1862. Died in childhood.
Amanda, born March 29, 1864.
Ellen, born October 28, 1866.
Emma, born July 12, 1869.
William, born July 31, 1871. Died 1873.
Charles, born February 1, 1874.
Malinda, born May 1, 1876. Died September 1, 1878.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, (Luke; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), first son of Luke and Mary (Burkett) Overmeyer, was born February 16, 1852. Moved with his parents to Indiana, where he grew to manhood and on March 30, 1876, he married Rosanna Myers, a widow. They had:

William H., born October ,2, 1877.
Amanda E., born April 26, 1879.
Emma A., born May 7, 1881. Died July 11, 1884.
George L., born July 3, 1884.

Mrs. Overmeyer died September 2, 1890. Then on September 10, 1891, he married Almeda Kinsey. With her he had:

Daisy, born July 22, 1892.
Lulu, born September 25, 1893.
Clara Hazel, born September 6, 1895.
Floyd Ray, born December 9, 1896.
Roy Earl, born June 21, 1898.
Rosco Alvin, born March 13, 1900.
Infant daughter, born January 30, 1902.
They reside at Culver, Ind.

CATHARINE (Luke; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), was born September 3, 1853. Married Albert Baumer. They had:

Marion, Annie, Emma and an infant that died.

BENVILLE (Luke; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), third child of Luke and Mary (Burkett) Overmeyer, was born November 11, 1855, and on February 7, 1877, married Mary Baumer, born December 1, 1852. They are farmers, living 1 mile south of Burr Oak, and have the following children:

Arthur, born November 6, 1878. Died in childhood.

Hattie, born November 21, 1879. Married Charles Houghton June 30, 1901. They reside in Chicago, Ill.

Irvin, born April 28, 1882.

Ernest, born February 26, 1884.

Earl, born November 9, 1887.

Ora, born January 6, 1891.

Blanche, born January 21, 1897.

Edith, born December 21, 1900.

MARION (Luke; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), fourth child, was born April 22, 1858. Grew to manhood on his father's farm, then married Mahala Burkett, born February 16, 1862. She died November 29, 1889, leaving her husband and the following children:

Delia, born July 6, 1882.

Zina, born January 12, 1885.

Harley, born December 11, 1887. Died October 12, 1894.

AMANDA (Luke; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), sixth child, was born March 29, 1864, and on July 30, 1880, married Austin Drukenmiller, born October 26, 1855. In 1897 they moved onto their own farm 1½ miles southwest of Burr Oak, Ind. Here they still reside on a beautiful farm of 115 acres. Children:

Georgia E., born December 19, 1881. Now a music teacher.

Effie May, born March 25, 1886. Died September 6, 1899.

ELLEN (Luke; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), seventh child of Luke and Mary Overmeyer, was born October 28, 1866. Married Frank Emigh, of South Bend, Ind. Their children are:

Rosa, Bennie, Mayme, Bessie and Harvey.

EMMA (Luke; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), eighth child, was born January 12, 1869, and married Zina Dudelson. They are farmers and reside 1½ miles west of Culver, Ind. Their children are:

Nellie, May, Luke, Alvin, Dollie, Elsie and Zina.

AGNES (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born January 17, 1834. Married Jacob Moffman at Lindsey, O., and moved to Indiana. They are farmers, residing near Royal Center, Ind.

SUSANNAH (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born February 14, 1836, near Lindsey, O. Received a limited education and was married at Fremont, O., by Justice Bell to Michael Overmeyer (Michael; John M.; J. G.) (For his history and that of the following children see line of John M., Chapter 5.) She died at Lindsey, O., May, 1893. They had:

Amanda, born August 9, 1857.
Amos Norton, born August 21, 1859. Died March 1, 1865
Jacob Martin, born June 2, 1863. Died January 29, 1865.
Lucas Marion, born December 22, 1865.
William Ferdinand, born February 8, 1868.
Catherine, born July 17, 1872.
Erdine, born January 30, 1876.
Irvin, born April 4, 1879. Died April 11, 1879.
Hary Gladwin, born April 2, 1884.

MARY (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born April 23, 1838, near Lindsey, O. On January 27, 1856, she married Solomon Overmeyer (Michael; John M.; J. G.) (For sketch of Solomon and following children see line of John M.)

Catharine, born May 19, 1857.
Jacob, born April 4, 1859.
Allen W., born February 28, 1861.
Chester, born January 28, 1862. Died September 17, 1862.
Ira, born July 3, 1864. Died May, 1873.
Sarah Esther, born March 7, 1875.
Philip Anderson, born May 1, 1877.
George N., born October 28, 1880.

CATHARINE (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born March 17, 1841, north of Lindsey, O. Received a fair common school education and is a great reader of current literature. She was married at Fremont, O., by Al Tyler, J. P. August 26, 1860, to Conrad Hess, born January 26, 1839, near Northeim, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, from which place he emigrated a year later with his parents to America. She is an active member of the church; he is a Democrat and has held local offices. He frequently accompanies hunting expeditions into northern Michigan and greatly enjoys the sport. He loves travel and has been as far south as Florida. They are successful farmers and own several large farms 1½ miles north of Lindsey, O., where they reside in a beautiful country home, and are among the leading and most highly respected members of their community. They had:

Mary Alice, born April 21, 1861. Married March, 1894, to Gustave Sorg. They reside on their farm, 2½ miles north of Lindsey, O. No children.

Amanda Catharine, born February 12, 1864. Died December 29, 1864.

Louis Marion, born May 7, 1866. Married Adaline Yeagle. Live 2 miles north of Lindsey. No children.

Cyrus Newton, born October 16, 1868. Died July 3, 1869.

Sarah Jane, born November 19, 1870. Married February 25, 1891, to William Auxter, son of Henry and Harriet (Hetrick) Auxter, born March 3, 1867, in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio. They have: Raymond Horatio, born August 12, 1891; Paul William, born September 13, 1893. Reside on the Henry Auxter homestead, near Kingsway, which they purchased in 1903.

William Anderson, born June 3, 1873. Married Amanda Boyer December 31, 1895. She died March 3, 1895 Married Mary Alice Shively March 9, 1899. They have: Florence May, born March 11, 1901; Irene Lucile, born 1904, and reside 2 miles north of Lindsey, O.

Charles Birchard, born September 27, 1875. Married August 23, 1898, to Myrtle Boyer, born August 12, 1879, of Lindsey. They had: Lloyd Charles, born April 7, 1900, died December 3, 1900, and Gladys Marie, born 1901. He is a teacher and they reside at Lindsey.

Daisy Ardella, born March 9, 1878. On October 25, 1897, married Fred Neeb, born September 5, 1870, son of Christian and Catherine (Meyer) Neeb. They reside in Toldo, O., and have: Lawrence Sylvanus Charles, born August 12, 1898; Blanche Alice Catharine, born August 30, 1899.

Lilian Agnes, born May 23, 1881. Married Victor Flegle. They reside in Toledo, O. They have: Hazel Catharine, born September, 1903.

Blanche Rosella May, born March 4, 1889. Single, resides at home with her parents.

AMOS (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born May 23, 1843, north of Lindsey, O. Educated in common schools, the "Black Swamp Log-cabin College." He worked on his father's farm and during the civil war he was a private in Co. K. 169th O. V. I., doing service at Ft. Ethan Allen, Va. He was married May 24, 1863, at Fremont, O., by Rev. Thompson, of Reformed church, to Sarah Auxter, born near Lindsey, November 24, 1844, daughter of Christian and Mary (Siegenthaler) Auxter. The Auxters were of German descent and came to Ohio from Allentown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Overmeyer reside on the old Jacob Overmeyer homestead, ½ mile north of Lindsey, where they have erected fine buildings. They are members of the Evangelical church. He is a Republican and has held local offices. They had:

Philip Sheridan, born November 4, 1864. Died March 24, 1865.

John Frederick, born February 11, 1866.
William Willis, born July 24, 1868.
Mary Catharine, born August 8, 1870.
George W. born December 31, 1872.
Martin V., born July 30, 1876.
Hiram P., born April 18, 1879.
Nellie May, born September 20, 1881.
Earl, born December 18, 1886.
Raymond M., born March 10, 1890.

JOHN F., (Amos; Jacob; Phillip; J. G.) second son of Amos and Sarah (Auxter) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, February 11, 1866. He grew to manhood on his father's

farm, attending the common schools of the vicinity and later graduating in the classical course at the Ohio Normal University, Ada, Ohio, in the class of 1893. Before this date, he had taugh for several terms in the rural schools near his home. In the fall of '93, he took charge of the public schools of Lenox, South Dakota, and has since been promoted successively to like positions in the schools of Danbury, Parkersburg and Algona, Kossuth county, Iowa, at which place he is city superintendent of public schools, which rank among the best in the state. Since entering his chosen profession, he has taken post graduate work at Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa. He has taught mathematics and political sciene in the summer sessions of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and has been asuccessful instructor at various teachers' institutes in that state. On December 25, 1902, at Trear, Iowa, he married Edythe McAlpine, daughter of John and Mary McAlpine, born at Cherokee, Iowa, December 7, 1875. They are members of the Methodist church and he is a Republican; belongs to the Masonic fraternity and Eastern Star. They have no children.

WILLIAM W., (Amos; Jacob; Phillip; J. G.), third son of Amos and Sarah (Auxter) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, July 24, 1868, and attended the common schools of the vicinity. In 1894, he graduated in the Classical course at the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Ohio, and in 1896 in the Scientific Course, at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio; during his junior and senior years at the last mentioned institution, he tutored the classes in Geometry. Later he took special work in mathematics and pedagogy at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. He first began teaching in the country schools near his home. He has since been principal of the township high school at Castalia, Ohio, and superintendent of schools at Kelley's Island, Ohio, and Greene, Iowa; he has been elected superintendent of schools at Lake Mills, Iowa, which is his present address. On August 7, 1902, at Kelley's Island, Ohio, he married Emma L. Elfers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elfers, born on Kelley's Island, O., February 18, 1872. They are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a Republican. They reside at Greene, Iowa, and have one child:

Paul V., born July 9, 1903.

MARY CATHARINE (Amos; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), fourth child of Amos and Sarah Overmeyer, was born near Lindsey, O., August 8, 1870, where she grew to womanhood and on December 11, 1895, married John Opperman, son of William Opperman, of Hessville, Ohio. They are farmers and reside on his father's farm 1½ mile west of Hessville, O. They had one child:

Nellie May, born February 13, 1901; died March ——, 1901.

GEORGE W. (Amos; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), fourth son and fifth child of Amos and Sarah (Auxter) Overmeyer, was born near Lindsey, O., December 31, 1872. Was educated in the common schools and at Lindsey, O., and attended the University at Ada, O. Has been teaching in the various schools of the township and at present is superintendent of the Lindsey public schools; also mayor of the village of Lindsey. He married Mabel Bowers, daughter of Cyrus G. and Maria Bowers. They reside at Lindsey, Ohio, and have the following children:

Fay G., born November 4, 1896.

Helen E., born February 8, 1902.

Francis M., born October 31, 1904.

MARTIN V. (Amos; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), fifth son and sixth child of Amos Overmeyer, was born near Lindsey, O., July 30, 1876. Grew to manhood on his father's farm and in 1895, married Catharine Yeagle, born November 17, 1877. He was engaged in teaching for some time and now is a rural delivery carrier and resides at Lindsey. They have:

Floyd, born February 25.1896.

HIRAM P. (Amos; Jacob; Philip; J. G.), sixth son of Amos and Sarah Overmeyer, was born near Lindsey, O., April 18, 1879, where he grew to manhood and married Dora Haas, born December 12, 1881. He is a school teacher. They have one son:

Theodore, born April 18, 1902.

AMANDA (Jacob; Philip; J. G.), born September 26, 1845, on the Jacob Overmeyer homestead, north of Lindsey, O.

Received her education in the common schools and early learned the lesson of thrift and industry, which have characterized her life. On November 10, 1865, she was married, at Lindsey, O., to Jacob Hess, son of Leonard and Mary (Gahn) Hess. He was born February 3, 1843, in Washington township, Sandusky ocunty, Ohio. He attended the common schools and worked on his father's farm until the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted as a private in Co. A, 33rd O. V. I. He served faithfully during the war and was in some of the most serious engagements. After his return from the war he married and settled on the old Hess homestead of 240 acres, situated 3½ miles northeast of Lindsey, O. They were prosperous farmers and enjoyed the esteem of their associates. On May 16, 1896, he met his death at the hands of a cruel assassin, who, in a spirit of revenge, in the dead hour of night, placed dynamite under the house and exploded it, and when Mr. Hess came out upon the porch to ascertain the cause of the noise, fired a load of buckshot at him, killing him instantly. The murderer was not captured for three years, but was then convicted and sent to the Ohio penitentiary for life. Mrs. Hess continues to reside on the home farm with her son Rutherford, who is married and is farming the estate. They had the following children:

Mary Catharine, born May 7, 1866. Died November 7, 1873.

Ida Jane, born November 25, 1867. Died November 25 1872.

Cora A., born April 7, 1870.

Hiram George, born December 2, 1872.

Sarah L., born June 19, 1874.

Rutherford B., born August 26, 1876.

Jacob S., born June 20, 1880. Is a bookkeeper in Toledo, Ohio.

Alvin E., born March 13, 1882.

Elmer G., born June 14, 1884.

Cyrus W., born March 9, 1886. Drowned July 3, 1902.

Orville A., born March 6, 1891.

Cora A., married Louis Neeb, Auggust 23, 1900. Children: Howard Haldon, born September 26, 1901; Melvin Marlo, born March 12, 1903; Bernice Nadine, born December 29, 1904.

Sarah L. married George Hetrick in 1893. Has had three children; all died.

Rutherford B., on December 2, 1901, married Sophia Gerloch near Elmore, Ohio. Now resides with his mother on the old Hess homestead.

DANIEL (Philip; J. G.), born April 15, 1799, in Center township, Union (now Snyder) county, Pennsylvania. Moved to New York state with his father, where he later engaged in farming and stock raising and was also a veterinary surgeon. He married Susannah Lepkiechler, in Center township, Snyder county, Pennsylvania. She was born in Halifax, Novia Scotia, April 18, 1799. They moved to Ohio about the year 1834 and settled 1 mile northwest of Lindsey, where they lived the rest of their lives. He was a member of the Evanglical church and belonged to the old Whig and later to the Republican party, and held various local offices in the early history of Washington township. He died June 15, 1872, and his wife followed April 18, 1875. They had the following children:

Sarah, born August, 1818.

Michael, born June 30, 1822.

Catharine.

Joel, died in infancy.

Rosanna, married George W. Karshner. She died childless, after which he married her sister, Mary A. Overmeyer. (See below.)

Barbara, born September 4, 1830.

Mary A.

Jerome, born September 9, 1836.

Cornelia A., born September 15, 1838.

Amanda.

SARAH (Daniel; Philip; J. G.), born August, 1818, in Center township, Snyder county, Pennsylvania. Was educated in the common schools. Came to Ohio with her parents, where she

married Joseph Eversole, son of Jacob Eversole, of Washington township, with whom she had the following children:

Martha, married Joseph Rearick.

Nathaniel, lives in Henry county. Married Catharine Henricks.

Kezziah, married Theodore Reinhart; Isabel, married Ed. Karschner. She is now deceased. Susannah, married John M. Bowman; Calista, married Allen Overmyer (Solomon B.; George L.; John M.; J. G.); Mr. Eversole having died, she married a second husband, Michael Fought, son of Michael and ——— (Kline) Fought, with whom she resided on their farm one mile east of Lindsey, until her death. Her funeral was held from the Reformed church at Lindsey, and she was buried in the Fought cemetery adjoining Chapel church.

Of this second union were born the following children:

William, born August 6, 1855; married Margaret Druckenmiller. They live south of Lindsey.

Isiah, married Christena Kechle; second marriage, Millie Jackson.

James, married Susan Murray.

Noah, born April 27, 1863; married Hattie F. Yehle.

Oliver P., born January 4, 1867; married Lizzie Petee.

MICHAEL (Daniel; Phil; J. G.), born in Center township, Snyder county, Pa.; came to Ohio with his parents (see Daniel). He received a common school education. Married Rebecca Burket, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Baltzer) Burket. She was born in Findlay, O., December 31, 1828. After marriage they engaged in farming in the vicinity of Hessville, O. Later they moved to Winamac, Ind., where he died December 12, 1880. Early in life he had associated himself with the Evangelical church, and was a republican in politics. They had the following children:

Jessiah, born November 10, 1848.

Evandus, born March 26, 1851; died December 21, 1851.

Mary Jane, Born November 7, 1853; married Jno. Brachtel;

Amanda C., born April 20, 1864, married Ulyses Carey.

CATHARINE (Daniel; Phil; J. G.), born in Center township, Snyder county, Pa.; came to Ohio with her parents; attended the common schools, and was an active worker in the Evangelical church. She was married to Christian Kline, who had come from Germany when a young man. He was a farmer and shoemaker. They had the following children:

Daniel; married Emma Adams; she deceased. He now lives in Michigan.

Susannah; married Emanuel Walters; she died and he married Carrie Scherk.

Rosanna; married Wm. Lamale. She since died.

Ellen; married H. Riber.

Amanda; married Morris Koller, a blacksmith, now living at Lindsey, O.

Catharine; married Frank Boyer, farmer; now living three miles east of Lindsey, O.

ROSANNA (Daniel; Phil.; J. G.), born in N. Y.; came to Lower Sandusky, O., and later went to Elmore, O. Attended the country schools; was a member of the M. E. church, and was married about 1853, at Fremont, O., to Geo. W. Karschner. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker, and lived at Fremont on State street, one block west of the opera house. She died, and he later married Mary A. Overmyer, sister of his first wife. They moved to Elmore, O., where he followed his trade until about 1858, and then moved to Winnamac, Ind., where he followed farming. (See Mary A.; Daniel; Phil.; J. G.)

BARBARA (Daniel; Phil.; J. G.), born in Washington township, Sandusky county, . She married at her father's home, one mile west of Lindsey, Seth Hendricks, son of Daniel and Salome (Hufford) Hendricks. He was a republican, and was a carpenter and farmer. She died April 13, 1872, and was buried at Winamac, Ind. He afterwards married a Miss Kosgrove.

Barbara had the following children: Daniel, Ellen, Solomon and Lizzie.

MARY A. (Daniel; Phil.; J. G.) [See Rosanna], was born in Washington township, Sandusky county, O. Attended the

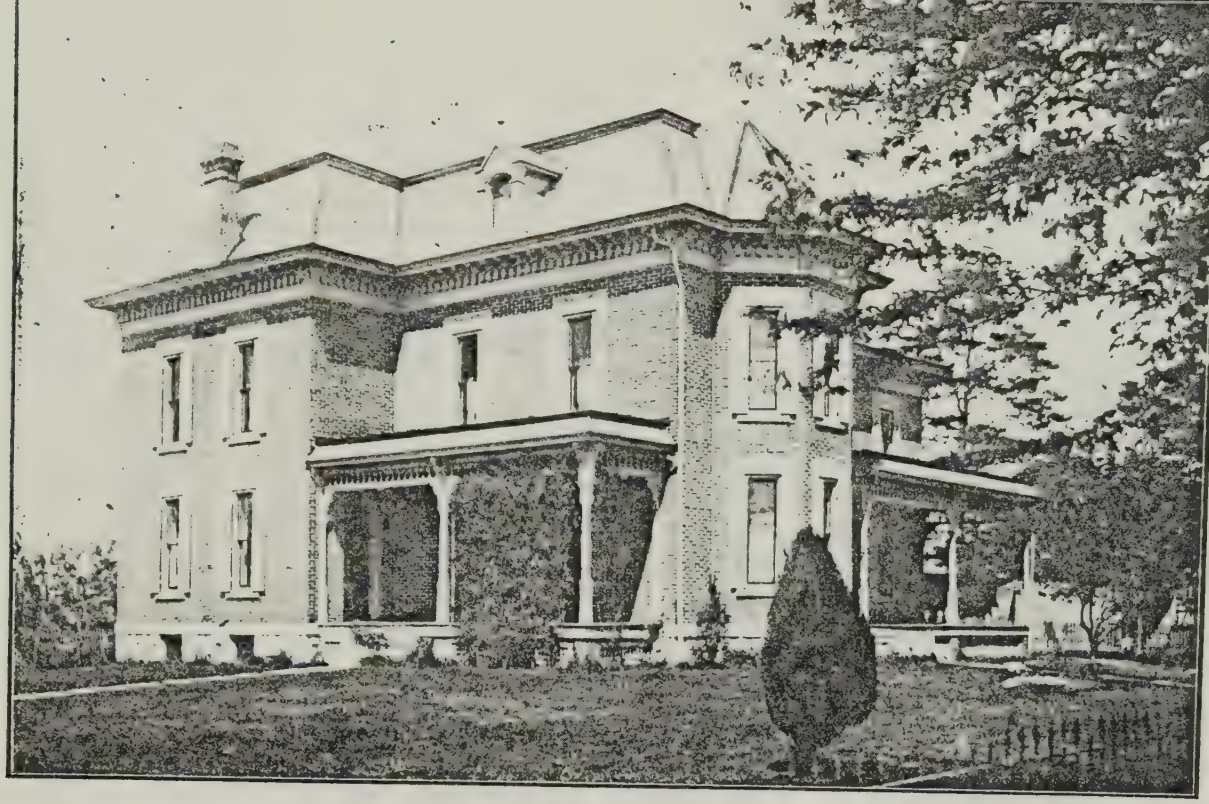
common schools; was a member of the M. E. church. She married Geo. W. Karschner, born in Riley township, Sandusky county, O., a cabinet maker and carpenter. They had the following children:

Daniel.
Mary Amanda.
David (died in infancy; buried at Elmore, O.)

JEROME (Daniel; Phil.; J. G.), born September 9, 1836, in Washington township, Sandusky county, O. Received a common school education in the vicinity of his early home, and later learned the carpenter trade. On January 7, 1858, he married Mariah Overmyer, daughter of Peter and Mary (Shively) Overmyer. (George; J. G.) She was born March 20, 1840, in Washington township, Sandusky county, O. Soon after their marriage, they moved to Grant county, Ind., where he worked at his trade and also learned glass-blowing. He was a republican, and was for many years a member of the German Evangelical church, but at the time of his death, was a member of the U. B. church. He was a highly respected citizen of Upland, Grant county, Ind., where he died August 25, 1899. They had the following children:

Martin L., born May 21, 1859; died December 31, 1860.
Rosa A., born September 8, 1861.
Harry J., born October 8, 1862.
Thomas J., born February 8, 1864.
Orrin M., born November 18, 1865.
Charles G., born August 16, 1867.
Mazy May, born October 10, 1869
Jerome C., born July 12, 1874.
Claud W., born March 17, 1876.
Ira W., born September 16, 1878.
Mearl D., born May 24, 1881.

ROSA ALICE (Jerome; Daniel; Phillip; J. G.), eldest daughter of Jerome and Mariah Overmyer, was born Sept. 8, 1861. She lived with her parents until she married John C. Bauer. He was born in Germany and came to America when a young man and learned glass making in the glass factories at



Residence of Amos Overmyer, Lindsey, Ohio

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Taken about 1898

Amos Overmyer and Family

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Hiram Nellie Earl Fred George William Catharine Raymond Martin

Taken in 1902

Amanda [Overmyer] Hess and Children

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Elmer
Alvin

Jacob

Cyrus
Orville

Cora
Hiram

Rutherford
Sarah

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Catharine [Overmyer] Hess and Family

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Daisy
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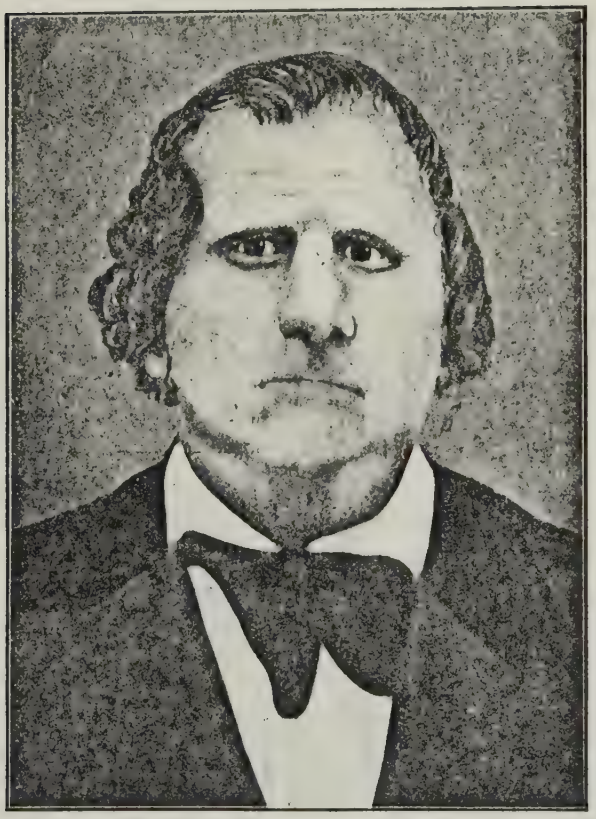

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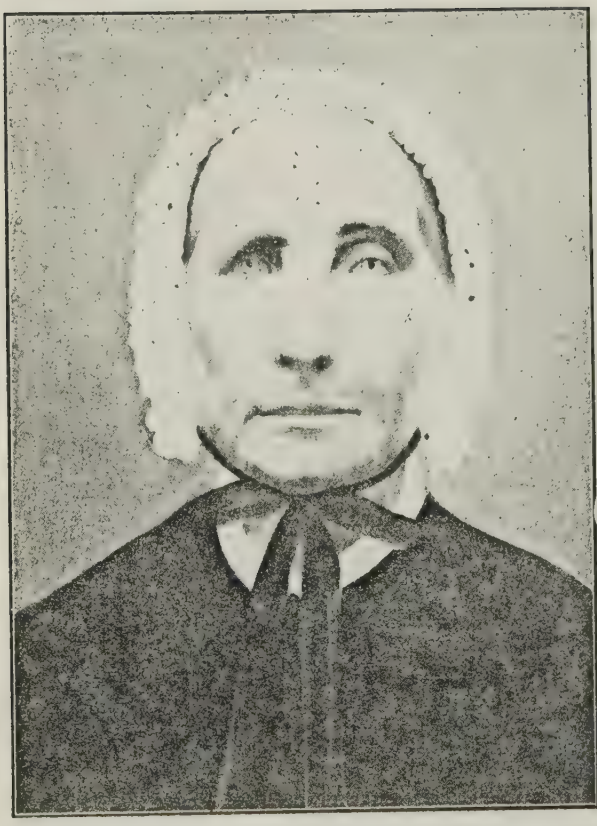

Mrs. Daniel Overmyer
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Pittsburg, Pa. He later came to Bowling Green, O., and worked at his trade there, where he met his future wife. He afterwards returned to Pittsburg and later she went there where they were married, and resided there a short time then moved to Red Key, Ind., where he worked in the glass factories several years and from there moved to Upland, Ind., where they now reside. He is manager of the Co-Operative Glass Co., in which he owns an interest. He is a republican in politics and she is a member of the M. E. church.

The have one child:

Irvin, born July, 1881.

HARRY J. (Jerome; Daniel; Phillip; J. G.), son of Jerome and Mariah Overmyer, was born October 8, 1862, received a common school education, worked on the farm and at the carpenter trade and later learned glass-blowing. He married Lowvey Louemma Wilson in Indiana, after which they moved to Illinois but only remained there a short time when they moved to Bowling Green, Ohio, and from there to Red Key, Ind., where he worked in glass factories and from Red Key went to Upland, Ind., where they now reside.

He is a member of the Co-Operative Glass Co., a republican and member of I. O. O. F. and both belong to the U. B. church. They have:

Jay; Fred and Theodore.

THOMAS J. (Jerome; Daniel; Philip; J. G.), son of Jerome and Mariah Overmyer, was born February 8, 1864, received a common school education and learned glass blowing at which he has worked at Bowling Green, O., Red Key and Upland, Indiana. He married Sophia Staly at Winnemac, Ind. They are both members of the U. B. church, he is a republican and member of I. O. O. F., and has interest in the Co-Operative Glass Co., of Upland, Ind., where they reside. They have:

Ralph; Harry; Edwin; Chauncey; Mabel; Gertrude; Thomas; Irvin, and Rosa A.

ORRIN M. (Jerome; Daniel; Philip; J. G.), was born November 18, 1865, son of Jerome and Mariah Overmyer. He re-

ceived a fair education and learned glass blowing, working in the factories at Bowling Green, O., and Red Key and Upland, Ind. He married Nettie Staly of Winnemac, Ind. They are members of the U. B. church, he is a republican in politics and belongs to the I. O. O. F. and has an interest in the Co-Operative Glass Co. of Upland, Ind., where they reside. They have:

Franklin; Floyd; Jerry; Ola and Eva.

CHARLES G. (Jerome; Daniel; Philip; J. G.), was born August 16, 1867, son of Jerome and Mariah Overmyer. He, like his father and brothers, learned glass working and worked at Bowling Green, O., Red Key and Upland, Ind. He married Minnie Belle Carey and lived at Upland, Ind., when she died leaving four children: Clyde; Grace; Bonnie and George.

Charles married for his second wife Ella Brechtel of Indiana, and in the autumn of 1903 they moved to Coffeyville, Kansas, where they now reside at No. 1506 West 12th street. He is employed in a glass factory and is a republican in politics and both are members of the U. B. church. They have no children of this second marriage.

MAZY MAY (Jerome; Daniel; Philip; J. G.), was born October 10, 1869, and married John Walker of Illinois, where they lived for some time, then moved to Michigan, where they separated. They had one son, Earl, born April, 1889.

She married for her second husband, Alonzo Morman. He is employed in the glass factory at Upland, Ind., where they reside. He is a democrat, belongs to the I. O. O. F. and both are members of the U. B. church. They have no children of this marriage.

JEROME C. (Jerome; Daniel; Philip; J. G.), son of Jerome and Mariah Overmyer, was born July 12, 1874, he also learned glass blowing and married Edith Ballanger of Upland, Ind. He is a republican and belong to the I. O. O. F. She is a member of the M. E. church. They reside at Upland, Ind., where he is employed by the Co-Operative Glass Co.

They have one child: Helen.

CLAUDE W. (Jerome; Daniel; Philip; J. G.), born March 17, 1876, and early in life learned glass blowing. He married at Red Key, Ind., Meda Coates. She is a member of the U. B. church, he belong to the I. O. O. F., is a republican in politics and is employed in the Co-Operative Glass Factory at Upland, Ind., where they reside.

Children: Lillian; Lottie and Herman.

IRA W. (Jerome; Daniel; Philip; J. G.), was born Sept. 16, 1878, and in his youth attended the common schools, also learned glass blowing, which he has since followed. He married Maude Crisman of Red Key, Ind. They reside in Upland, Ind., where he is employed by the Co-Operative Glass Co. He is a republican and a member of the I. O. O. F.

They have one child: Ellen.

MEARL D. (Jerome; Daniel; Philip; J. G.), youngest son of Jerome and Mariah Overmyer, was born May 24, 1881. Received a fair education and learned glass blowing which he has always followed. He married Lillie Davis of Upland, Ind. She is a member of The Friends' church, he is a republican and belongs to the I. O. O. F. He has an interest in the Co-Operative Glass Co. at Upland, where they reside.

They have two children: Lucele and Ward.

CORNELIA A. (Daniel; Phil.; J. G.), born September 15, 1838, in Washington township, Sandusky county, O. At this time the Western Reserve and Maumee Pike was being constructed through Washington township. She attended the common schools, and joined the Evangelical church. On March 21, 1858, she married, at her father's home, Emanuel S. Bowersox, son of Solomon and Lucinda (Swineford) Bowersox, born August 8, 1835, in Center township, Snyder county, Pa. After marriage, they moved to Snyder county, Pa., where he followed farming for five years. In 1860, he was elected by the republican party as County Auditor of Snyder county, in which capacity he served for three years, a careful and painstaking official. They then returned to Lindsey, O., where he engaged in farming a short time and then embarked in the hotel and grocery business at Lindsey.

He was a soldier in the Civil war, being a corporal in Co. K, 169th O. V. I., at Ft. Ethan Allen, Va.

He is a member of the G. A. R. post, and has served a number of terms on the Village Board of Education. During President Benjamin Harrison's administration, he was postmaster of Lindsey. His wife died at Lindsey, August 31, 1900. He continued the grocery business until the winter of 1903. He then went back to his birthplace in Pennsylvania for an extended visit. In business he was a kind and obliging gentleman, and trustworthy in every respect. They had the following children:

Mary Jane, born November 6, 1859; married Chas Benner.

Charles Howard, born April 25, 1861, now a druggist in Toledo, O.

Clara Alice, born March 14, 1863; died September 23, 1864.

Emma Florence, born October 1, 1867, now in Cleveland, O.

Hattie Villetta, born May 29, 1870, now in Cleveland, O.

Irvin Ellsworth, born June 2, 1872; died March 20, 1873.

Wilson Theodore, born May 22, 1874; died September 10, 1875.

Ellen Blanche, born May 10, 1876; died October, 10, 1876.

Estella May, born December 24, 1878; married Harry Broom of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; live in Toledo, O.

Cooper K. Watson, born November 18, 1879; married Catharine Broud; live at Clyde, O.

Hayes, born November 18, 1879; died November 20, 1879.

AMANDA (Daniel; Phil.; J. G.), born in Washington township, Sandusky county, O. Attended the county schools and was a member of the Evangelical church. She married at her father's home, Ephriam Burket, son of Henry and Catharine (Balzer) Burket. They moved to Richland Center, Ind., where they engaged in farming. She died August 24, 1895, and was buried near Richland Center, Ind. He died in December, 1901. They had the following children:

Susannah; Minerva; married Isaac Newcomb, Chicago, Ill.; William; Ida; Albert; Michael; Austin.

The latter four reside near Richland Center, Ind.

PHILLIP (Phillip, J. G.), 5th son of Phillip and Rosanna (Bishoff Overmyer), was born near Weirickstown, (now Centerville) in Union (now Snyder) county, Pa, August 31, 1801, learned the blacksmith trade of his brother William, married Margaret Swineford in 1824, worked at the trade several years, and in 1832, he and his brother William came to Sandusky county Ohio to see the country, walking all the way here and return, and finally decided to move here and came with his family in 1835, locating on eighty acres of dense forest being the east half of the southwest forth of section thirty-five north of Lindsey, coming in a covered wagon, which served as a place to live until he had erected a two story hewed log house. Wild game of all kinds was plentiful then, and the Indians frequently came and slept on the floor around the fire-place of the cabin. Their cooking was all done on the coals. Cranes were constructed in the open chimneys to hang the kettles on, and the baking was done in round iron pots, with lids of iron, so they could be covered up with live coals to hurry the baking. He walked back to Pennsylvania several times on visits, easily averaging fifty miles a day. He worked a great deal on the old Ohio railroad that passed over the southwest corner of his land near his house, would go to mill at Lower Sandusky now (Fremont) with ox team, going one day and returning the next, hauled many nice large poplar and walnut saw-logs to Lower Sandusky and sold them for one dollar per log, starting from his home before daylight in the morning and return late at night with his ox team. Many fine logs were rolled on piles and burned so as to make room for raising potatoes, corn, rye and wheat for family use. He had a limited education in German was formerly a whig, later a republican, were both members of the Evangelical church but later he worshipped with the Reformed denomination, was an industrious well to do farmer of a pleasant and genial disposition, retaining his mental and physical faculties to the end of life, his death came May 20, 1888, and is buried beside his wife in the Lindsey cemetery. Children.

George, died in childhood.

Israel, born April 20, 1826.

Levi, died in childhood.

Wm. A., born June 5, 1831.
Richard, born 1833.
Lucinda, born December 25, 1836.

ISRAEL (Phillip; Phillip; J. G.)' son of Phillip and Margaret (Swineford) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., April 20, 1826, and came to Sandusky County, Ohio, in 1835, assisted his father in cleaning the farm, receiving but a limited education; married Sarah Myers, daughter af Henry and Mary (Burks) Myers. A few years after marriage he moved to Pulaska County, Indiana, locating six miles southwest of Montrey, where he resided for some time, later sold out there and moved near Tiosa where he died. Children:

Phillip H.; Geo. W.; Thomas; Frederick; Mary; Margaret; Harriett; Rosa; Emma; Vander; Charles; Nancy.

PHILIP H. (Israel; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.),son of Israel and Sarah (Myers) Overmyer, married Lydia Vandien, is a laborer and butcher, lives in Tiosa, Ind., and has the following named children:

Geo.; Frank; Louis; Sarah; Henry; Daisy; Carrie.

MARGERET (Israel; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.),married Thomas Dunfee, lived near Tiosa, Fulton County, Indiana, where she died, leaving children:

Agnes P.; Charles W.; Garfield; Harriet; Rosanna; Frederick; Goldie; Joseph.

THOMAS (Israel; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), married D. Miller; they are farmers, have one hundred and sixty acres, and live at Bass Lake, Ind., have three daughters:

Lyria; Bonnie; Alta.

MARY (Israel; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), married John Rinehold, they are farmers and he is a Democrat; they live six miles northeast of Winamac. Children:

Annie; Charles; William; Louis; Frederick; Rosa; Della; John; Ida; Minnie and Arlu.

GEO. W. (Israel; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), gone to the State of Washington.

FREDERICK (Israel; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), gone to Woodland, California.

HARRIET, married Frank Young of Ora, Indiana.

ROSA, married Wash. Olds of Chicago, Illinois.

EMMA, married James Palmer of Tiosa, Indiana.

WILLIAM A. (Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), son of Phillip and Margaret (Swineford) Overmyer, was born in Union County, Pa., June 5, 1831, came to Sandusky County, Ohio in 1835, received a very limited education, assisted his father to clear up the farm that had been covered with heavy timber and dense underbrush, which were grubed out and burned, later he helped to grade part of the roadbed through Lindsey, of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway; also assisted in laying the iron rails; he and his cousin Luke Overmyer drove the spikes to fasten the rails from Lindsey to Norwalk, camping during the time with fifty Irishmen who occasionally imbibed too much booze; then proceeded to annihilate the yanks as they called the Overmyers. They had four companions or yanks; being very strong and active they would come out of the melees without much injury save being nearly denude of clothing, for the time being, finally they informed the foreman they would quit their job unless they were given other quarters, which he did. Sometime in 1853 he was married to Mary Fetterman, daughter of John and Catharine Fetterman, and moved into the old log house on his father's farm and farmed for him. When the civil war broke out he was drafted, and reported at Cleveland, but having a family of small children and no one to work his aged father's farm, they insisted he should hire a substitute, which he did , hiring an Irishman in Cleveland, to take his place. Later the 169th regiment was pressed into service and he this time hired John Myers as substitute who returned after the war without having received any injuries. He bought the north part of his farm of Z. Flatz, and the south part from Henry Emmel. He has always been a hard working industrious man, never taking a very active part in public affairs, but leads a quiet, peaceful and busy life, raising a family of nine children to manhood and woman-

hood, who are an honor and reflect the noble traits in the life of their parents. They are both members of the Reformed church and he has always been a Republican. They have recently purchased a home in the village of Lindsey where they lead a retired life with the income of their new 120 acre farm lying just northeast of Lindsey, Ohio. Their children,

Sarah Ellen, born April 6, 1854.
Newton W., born February 25, 1855.
Emanuel, born September 18, 1856.
Maria, born April 9, 1858.
Matilda, born March 14, 1860.
Lydia Ann, born April 19, 1862.
Phillip Henry, born February 23, 1864.
Catharine, born January 20, 1866.
Louis Wesley, born October 22, 1868.

SARAH E. (Wm. A.; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of Wm. A. and Mary (Fetterman) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, April 6, 1854. After she was eight years old she made her home with her grandparents, Phillip Overmyer. On November 21, 1878, she married John C. Haas, son of Jacob Haas; born December 18, 1855; moved into a separate house at Lindsey until her grandmother, Mrs. P. Overmyer died, then moved back to her grandfather, P. Overmyer, and remained with him till his death, May 20, 1888. Their children are:

An infant, born July 21, 1879; died in infancy.
Harry, born July 21, 1880.
Dora, born December 12, 1881.
George, born August 7, 1883.
Erie, born June 30, 1889.

NEWTON (Wm. A.; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), son of Wm. A. and Mary (Fetterman) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, February 25, 1855; assisting his father in farm work during the summer season and attending the district schools in the winter, until he was seventeen years old, then was employed by Beery & Davis at lumbering. On December 26, 1878, he married Martha Strawman, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (House) Strawman, born September 28, 1858; employed at carpenter work

several years, then began farming on the Strawman homestead; later bought a farm near Clay Center, Ottawa County, Ohio, where he is still so engaged. Mr. Overmyer was a member of the Lindsey school board for six years; formerly was a member of the Lindsey Band. They are both members of the Evangelical church and take an interest in Sunday school work. Has been the superintendent several years. Children:

Arthur L., born December 20, 1879.
Howard Ray, born March 8, 1881.

EMANUEL (Wm. A.; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), son of Wm. A. and Mary (Fetterman) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, September 18, 1856; assisted his father in farm work and attending school until February, when he married Carrie Artz, born February 8, 1864, daughter of Jacob and Helen (Nufer) Artz. They are farmers, reside in Ottawa County, and have two children:

Daisy, born November 8, 1884. She married Henry Bloom of Ottawa County, Ohio, December 20, 1902; have a fine farm where they reside, 3 miles northeast of Lindsey, Ohio.

Flossie, born February 2, 1893.

MARIA (Wm. A.; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of Wm. A. and Mary (Fetterman) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, April 9, 1858, married Cyrus G. Bowers, March 11, 1878, born July 20, 1858, in Lancaster, County, Pa., son of Cyrus and Catharine (Catherman) Bowers who came to Sandusky County in 1874 from Seneca County where they had moved in 1868. He received a fair common school education and learned carriage painting at Lindsey, Ohio, where he lived after marriage until 1889, when they moved to St. Louis, Michigan, and lived there a short time, then returned to Lindsey. Both belong to the Evangelical church, are members of K. O. T. M. He is a republican and was appointed Post Master under President McKinley, May 1, 1898, which office he still holds. They have a fine home on Main street where they reside. Children:

Mabel, born April 21, 1878, married G. W. Overmyer, son of Amos (Jacob; Philip; J. G.)

Lulu, born August 11, 1880, married Aaron I. Naumann, July 16, 1903. He is a son of Louis and Catherine (Michaels) Naumann and was born June 7, 1879. Is Superintendent of schools at LeClaire, Iowa. They have Catherine and Margaret—Twins.

Harold, born September 22, 1885.

Mark, born January 11, 1897.

MATILDA (Wm. A.; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of Wm. A., and Mary (Fetterman) Overmyer was born near Lindsey, Ohio, March 14, 1860, received an ordinary common school education and on January 1, 1885, married Milton H. Kocher, born December 11, 1863, near Tamacwa West Penn, Schuylkill County, Pa., son of David and Catharine (Shirey) Kocher. They both belong to the Reformed church. He is a democrat and carpenter, making nearly all his own plans and specifications. They resided in Lindsey, Ohio, and had the following children:

Howard Ray, born March 4, 1886.

Mamie Irene, born September 16, 1887.

Harry Laurence, born June 9, 1889.

Catharine Furnie, born February 6, 1893.

Nellie, born September 29, 1895.

Lottie, born May 24, 1898.

Freda, born March 22, 1900.

Mrs Kocher died, March 9, 1905, is buried at Lindsey cemetery.

LYDIA A. (Wm. A.; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), son of Wm. A. and Mary (Fetterman) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, April 19, 1862, attended the common schools of the community and on February 25, 1883, was married by Rev. Richards of the Reformed church, to Samuel W. Moser, son of Nathan and Alanda (Eisenhard) Moser, near Lehighton, Carbon County, Pa. Both belong to the Evangelical church. He is a republican and a carpenter. They reside in Lindsey, and have children.

Myrtle M., born July 11, 1884.

Arthur F., born February 27, 1886.

Frederick E., born May 31, 1888.
Floyd L., born September 16, 1890; died September 13, 1894.

PHILLIP HENRY (Wm. A.; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), son of Wm. A. and Mary (Fetterman) Overmyer, was born February 23, 1864, grew to manhood on his father's farm, and on November 26, 1885, he married Laura Haas, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Aurand) Hass, born September 19, 1866. He is section-foreman on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway. They reside at Lindsey. Children:

Grace May, born February 17, 1889.
Eva L., born December 4, 1891.
Mary R., born August 25, 1893.
Donald H., born November 19, 1898.

CATHARINE (Wm. A.; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of Wm. A. and Mary (Fetterman) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, January 20, 1866. March 6, 1888, married Michael Boyer, born August 28, 1859, son of Daniel and Catharine (Baker) Boyer. He and his brother owned and operated a threshing machine and tile works until recently. They reside at Lindsey, Ohio, and have:

Flossie M., born June 12, 1888.
Gertrude E., born October 12, 1889.
Paul, born March 13, 1898.

LOUIS W. (Wm. A.; Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), son of Wm. A. and Mary (Fetterman) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, October 22, 1868; grew to manhood on his father's farm. He married Mary Auxter, daughter of Daniel and Laura (Swartz) Auxter. They are farmers and at present are farming his father's farm near Lindsey. Children:

Harry M., born March 22, 1889; died November, 1900.
Lonnie C., born September 14, 1890.
Hardy M., born May 3, 1892.
Freddie E., born June 12, 1894.
Bessie L., born December 21, 1895.
Dewey L., born October 21, 1897.
Carl W., born April 1, 1900.

Emerson A., born April 14, 1903.
Cleo P., born March 1, 1905.

RICHARD (Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), son of Phillip and Margeret (Swineford) Overmyer, was born in Union County, Pa., in 1833, and came with his parents to Sandusky County, Ohio, when one year old, grew up on his father's farm near Lindsey, and about 1857 he proceeded to Pulaski County, Ind., and made his home with his brother Israel's family, and on April 4, 1861, he married Malinda Graves, born February 17, 1850, in Pulaski County, Ind., locating on a farm four miles east of Winimac. He was a hard worker a very strong and bony man, had the misfortune to have one of his cows mire in a swamp on his farm, and in trying to lift her out, he lifting against two other men on the other end of the lever, he received an internal injury, from which he died in less than a week. Had a child Mary, who also died. They are both buried at Reed cemetery one and one-half miles east of Winimac, Ind. His widow later again married Thomas Hacket of Winimac. Richard Overmyer died April 4, 1862.

LUCINDA (Phillip; Phillip; J. G.), only daughter of Phillip and Margaret (Swineford) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, Dec. 25th, 1836, received a limited education in the common log school house of her time to which she often waded through mud and water. In 1854 at Fremont, Ohio, she married Daniel Drukenmiller, born July 17th, 1836, a successful farmer living near Fremont, Ohio. Have the following children:

Margaret, born October 17, 1856, married William H. Fought.
Phillip H., born May 20, 1858, married Sylvesta Kluseman.
Mary J., born July 7, 1860, married Robert Wolfe.
Amos N., born December 10, 1862, married Josie Munch.
Wm. P., born November 10, 1864, married Anna Strasbach.
Emma C., born February 7, 1866, married Wm. Longanbach.
Sarah E., born January 2, 1868, married Wm. Tindall.
Harriet, born October 6, 1872, married Samuel Wonecott.

Rutherford B., born June 15, 1876, married Laura Day.

Archibald W., born October 13, 1878, married May Baker.

They are retired farmers and reside in the village of Ballville, Ohio.

GEORGE (Phillip; J. G.), sixth son of Phillip and Rosanna (Bishoff) Overmyer, was born near Weiricktown, now Centerville, Snyder county, Pa. ——— 1804 grew to manhood as other young men of his time and first married Barbara Anderson, a sister of his brother Jacob's wife, who died leaving one child Agnes. He again married to Catherine Herbest, daughter of Henry Herbest some time during 1832, at that time residing in the state of New York, was a general laborer in his community. In 1834 when his father and brothers decided to come to Ohio he came with them and with his brother Daniel located in section 34 of Washington township, northwest of Lindsey, erecting a cabin in the unbroken forest and proceeded to make it a home. The land was covered with heavy timber and facilities for drainage were poor, so that the most courageous at times nearly faltered, while many of his neighbors became discouraged and returned from whence they came. He with others held out and finally made it a success. While he died young in comparison to many others, yet he lived to see the country around his home begin to blossom as the rose and the granaries fill with bounteous harvests. He was nearly six feet tall, straight and erect, muscular, well proportioned, very active and inured to hard labor. Hungry wolves would often attack young pigs and calves so they had to be secured for the night in stables where they could not enter. His farming operations were for many years carried on with an ox team, but later he procured horses and he and his sons and grandsons were later owners of some of the finest horses of the community. His wife died September 30, 1856, and on April 25, 1857, he also closed his earthly career, both having been members of the Evangelical church, and he in politics an old line Whig. Both buried at Lindsey cemetery.

The daughter born of his first wife, named Agnes, born October 27, 1830.

Phillip H., born December 8, 1833.

Franklin, born September 21, 1835.
Joseph, born August 8, 1839.
Edward, born May 8, 1843.

AGNES (George; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of George and Barbara (Anderson) Overmyer, was born near Seneca Falls, New York, October 27, 1830, came with her father to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1834. She married Levi Burkett August 17, 1850, son of Henry Burket, born November 17, 1830; resided in Sandusky county, Ohio, until 1858, then settled four and one-half miles southwest of Montrey, Pulaski county, Ind.

Their children: George, Catherine, Phillip H., Franklin, Amanda, Luke, Jane, Lucy, Grant, Austin, Marion and Ida.

They are both living and in 1900 celebrated their golden wedding jubilee on their 160 acre farm near Montrey, Ind.

PHILLIP H. (George; Phillip; J. G.), son of George and Catharine (Herbest) Overmyer, was born near Seneca Falls, New York, December 8, 1833; came with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1834. He grew up on his father's farm and received a limited education in the common schools as they then existed, assisting his father and their neighbors in clearing away the forest and ditching the farms until October 26, 1856, he was married to Catharine Walters by Rev. D. Strawman. She was born February 12, 1836, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Wolfe) Walters, who came from New Berlin, Pa., in 1838, and settled due south of Lindsey about three miles in Section 26 of Washington township. When P. H.'s father died he moved on to the old homestead and later bought his brothers interests in the same, and later bought the farm that formerly belonged to his uncle, Daniel Overmyer, and adding more acres still later, until he possessed one of the best and most extensive farms in the community, which has been tiled and improved to a splendid condition, continued to farm the same until 1886, when he rented the farms to his son, Cyrus, and later sold part to his son, Perry, and moved to the village of Lindsey, where he continues to lead a retired life enjoying the fruits of a well spent manhood amid his children and grand children, which are as follows:

Emma, born February 19, 1858.
Perry K., born May 10, 1859.
Julia A., born October 19, 1860.
Cyrus, born February 24, 1862.
Edith, born August 1, 1863.
J. Wesley, born November 1, 1865.
Clara, born July 8, 1869.
Willie, born May 12, 1872; died in infancy.
Elbert E., born September 7, 1873.
Ora, born June 12, 1876, died in infancy.
Rosella C., born September 2, 1877.

EMMA (Phillip H.; George; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of Phillip H. and Catharine (Walters) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, and married William Henry Artz, April 26, 1877, son of Jacob and Helen (Nufer) Artz, of Rice township, Ohio; they are farmers and have the following children:

Blanch P., born August 26, 1878.
Ida V., born February 23rd, 1880.
Harry E., born September 25, 1881.
Cora C., born October 8, 1883.
Eda V., born January 6, 1889.
John W. and William H., twins, born October 7, 1886; died in infancy.
Virgie O., born October 29, 1887.
Orlie G. and Orrie G., twins, born January 1 , 1889.
Floyd E., born February 17, 1893.

PERRY K. (Phillip H.; George; Phillip; J. G.), son of P. H. and Catharine (Walter) Overmyer, was born on the old homestead; received a common school education; was married at Elmore, Ohio, May 17, 1883, to Tinela Kimball, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Walters) Kimball, born June 2, 1861; she was educated in the Elmore schools. They live at Lindsey; have their farm rented and he at times deals in timber and live stock is a Republican and member of K. O. T. M., and has been mayor of the village; have no children.

JULIA A., (Phillip H.; George; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of P. H. and Catharine (Walters) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey and was educated in the common schools and taught several terms; married October 8, 1885, William M. Heineman, born March 26, 1861, in Buffalo, N. Y., son of Jacob and Mary Heineman. They were farmers; belonged to the Evangelical church, and he is a Democrat. She died July 9, 1900. The had the following children:

Forest E., born July 17, 1886.
Ada R., born October 22, 1887.
Mary C., born July 22, 1890.
Infant, born December 24, 1894, dead.
Rolla P., born September 29, 1896; died January 30, 1897.

CYRUS (Phillip H.; George; Phillip; J. G.), son of P. H. and Catharine (Walter) Overmyer, was born on the old homestead, was educated in the common schools; married April 29, 1886, to Cora O. Engler, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Engler, who was born April 5th, 1866;they formerly farmed on the old homestead, but later moved to Lindsey and he worked at the carpenter trade; they have a farm of 80 acres in Washington township, and in 1905 bought an interest in a hardware store at Gibsonburg. They have:

M. Cecil Z., born August 26, 1887.

EDITH (Phillip H.; George; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of P. H. and Catharine (Walters) Overmyer, was born and educated near Lindsey, Ohio; was married by P. W. Raidabach at Lindsey, Ohio, to Alvin P. Fought, June 11, 1891, son of Paul and Mary (Hetrick) Fought; locating at Preston, Beaver county, Oklahoma, but later sold his ranching interest there; they returned locating a few years in Michigan, sold their farm there. They have bought the Paul Fought homestead one mile southeast of Lindsey, where they reside. Children:

Wilfred H., born August 15, 1893.
Paul Phillip, born June 11, 1897.
Olien C., born February 26, 1904.

JOHN WESLEY (P. H.; George; Phillip; J. G.), son of P. H. and Catharine (Walter) Overmyer, was born near Lind-

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sey, Ohio, November 1, 1865; was educated in the common schools and at Ada, Ohio, Normal University; follows the profession of teaching; on July 16, 1891, marreid B. Louisa Naumann, daughter of Lewis and Catharine Naumann, born April 14, 1867. In 1887 he with others became possessed with the desire to go "west." When there, took possession of a claim and remained several years to prove it; assisted in stock ranch work several years, and then returned to his native state; spent a few years at college and since has been teaching. They are members of the Congregational church. He is a conservative Republican; his present postoffice address is Castalia, O. One child:

Carleton N., born September 18, 1896.

CLARA (Phillip H.; George; Phillip; J. G.), daughter of Phillip H. and Catharine (Walter) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, educated in the common schools and married Charles Hetrick, May 27th, 1891, son of Daniel and Mary (Seigenthaler) Hetrick, born May 19, 1867. He formerly taught school in Sandusky county, but was appointed as a clerk in the post office of the city of Toledo, where they now reside. Children:

Wilfred, born December 11, 1891; died July, 1903.
Berly M., born October 22, 1893; died April 25, 1894.
Harley N., born August 8, 1895; died December 19, 1895.
Phillip, born December 8, 1900.

ELBERT E. (Phillip H.; George; Phillip; J. G.), was born and educated near Lindsey, Ohio, and later graduated in the commercial course of O. N. U., of Ada, also a course of shorthand and bookkeeping at the Davis Business College of Toledo, O.; formerly had an interest in a stock ranch in Beaver county, Oklahoma Terr., at times handling three thousand head of live stock in one season; later sold his interests there and was a street car conductor on the Toledo Traction company's tracks for one year. He married April 8, 1903, Leila E. Ream. She was born June 14, 1878, daughter of Elias and Sarah Ream, who lived in Erie county, O. They reside on the P. H. Over-

myer homestead one mile northwest of Lindsey and are engaged in farming.

ROSELLA C., (Phillip H.; George; Phillip; J. G.), was born Sept. 2, 1877. Educated at Lindsey, Ohio, and taught school in that vicinity some years. At her father's residence on April 26, 1899, she was married to George I. Johnson, son of W. D. and Clara Johnson, born in New York state December 22, 1865, but came to Ohio in his youth and is the junior member of the Johnson Hoop and Stave Manufacturing Company; was leader of the Lindsey band for some time and acted in that capacity previous in Logansport, Ind. They reside in Lindsey, O. Have:

Irving O., born March 26, 1902.

FRANKLIN (George; Phillip; J. G.), second son of George and Catharine (Herbest) Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio; grew up on his father's farm and married Susannah Burket, June, 1858, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Houtz) Burket, born October 18, 1837; moved to Indiana in 1859, where he has bought and sold serveral farms and now has accumulated a large quantity of real estate; has been farming and stock raising, and threshing; owns several grain elevators on the Nickel Plate Railway; buys and ships live stick, grain and seeds.

He enlisted February, 1865, in Co. H, 55th Reg. Ind. Inf., at Michigan city, went to Indianapolis, thence to Alexandria, Va., thence by rail to Dover, Delaware, where he remained until August, 1865, then mustered out near Dover. In former years worked at the carpenter trade, and later followed grain threshing. They lived at Burr Oak, Ind., and in 1903, took a trip to California, and when about to return, she was taken suddenly ill and died at Los Angeles, Cal., August, 1903; buried at Burr Oak, Ind. They had:

Harvey, born December 8, 1858.
Jeremiah, born December 29, 1860.
Samantha, born October 27, 1863; died May 8, 1868.
Sherman, born June 8, 1866.
Franklin, born April 21, 1868.
Albert, born February 21, 1870.
Edward, born November 5, 1871.

Lewis, born December 11, 1873.
Alice, born January 14, 1876.
George W., born December 25, 1877.
J. A. Garfield, born April 12, 1880.

HARVEY (Frank; George; Phillip; J. G.), son of Frank and Susannah (Burket) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, came with his parents to Indiana, and on November 23, 1882, married Catharine Wise, born June 19, 1863. They followed farming and threshing; were members of the M. E. church; she died July 21, 1901. Children:

Walter L.; Ettie E.; Nettie J.
Their post office address is Richland Center, Ind.

JEREMIAH, married Minerva Shock. They are threshers and farmers. Children:

Effie and Elizabeth.
Their post office: Richland Center, Ind.

SHERMAN, married Ida Sickman, April 20, 1889, daughter of Henry and Christena (Tauney) Sickman, born April 12, 1870; they are farmers. Children:

Mertie, born February 3, 1890.
Benjamin, born July 5th, 1891.
Chester, born August 3, 1894.
Verna, born April 20, 1897.
Bessie, born January 1, 1900.
Post office: Burr Oak, Ind.

FRANK, married Flora Voeries; is employed in the office of The Illinois Central Railway as shorthand and type-writer. Children:

Roxie, died; Elma; Gladys and an infant.
Their address is 6343 Washington avenue, Chicago, Ill.
ALBERT, married Della Osborn; are farmers. Children:
Laura; Earl; Dewey.
Postoffice: Burr Oak, Ind.

EDWARD, married Alice Miller. They are farmers. Children:

Ola; Ralph; Raymond.
Their address: Richland Center, Ind.

LEWIS, married September 14, 1899, to Grace Humbert, daughter of Jacob and Louisa Humbert, born in Iowa, January 14, 1878. Are farmers and runs one of his fathers grain elevators. Lives with his parents and have one child:

Roy, born August 8, 1900.

ALICE, married Norman Bady; are farmers and live on a farm one mile west of Burr Oak, Ind.

Child born April 8, 1901.

JOSEPH (George; Phillip; J. G.), son of George and Catharine (Herbest) Overmyer, was born on the homestead one mile northwest of Lindsey, Ohio; educated in the common schools and married December, 1860, Sarah Overmyer, daughter of Michael (John M.; J. G.); worked at the carpenter trade several years with his brother Frank, while single, then went to Henry county, Ohio, and farmed for his father-in-law, Michael Overmyer; was also section foreman on Wabash R. R. at Colton; and was engaged as sectionhand on L. S. & M. S. R. R. One Sunday while returning to Elmore from Lindsey with Jacob Newcomer, a section foreman, he became suddenly ill. and died of heart failure before reaching Elmore; leaving a widow and one son Clarence, his death occurring October 18, 1863.

CLARENCE (Joseph; George; Philip; J. G.), only son of Joseph, was born at Lindsey, Ohio, September 8, 1861, for a while during his younger years he attended school at Tiffin, Ohio; on November 13, 1884, he married at Monroe, Mich. Cora C. Crowder, daughter of Lewis and Prudence Crowder born December 23, 1861. He is an iron and steel worker; a Democrat and both belong to the M. E. church. Children:

Louis P., born October 2, 1885.
May P., born February 14th, 1887.
Joseph H., born December 14 ,1888; died July 3, 1889.
Nancy S., born April 8, 1890.; died August 19, 1891.
Sarah J., born August 19, 1891.
Eva, born December 29, 1892.

Herbert S., born September 8th, 1894.
Cora, born July 21, 1896.
Bertha, born December 9, 1897.
Lillie, born April 9, 1900.

EDWARD (George; Phillip; J. G.), fourth son of George and Catharine (Herbest) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, grew up on his father's farm, and received a common school education, during the Civil War he enlisted in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 2, 1864, assigned to Co. K, 169 Reg. O. N. G., was at Washington, D. C., Fort Ethan Allen, Vir., discharged September 4, 1864, at Cleveland, Ohio. Married Susannah Boyer, daughter of John and Catharine (Smith) Boyer, residing on a farm northeast of Lindsey, Ohio, until 1876, when they sold their farm to John H. Roush, and moved to Monroe county, Mich., locating on the north side of the Raisin river, several miles west of Monroe city, for many years he has been afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism, so he is unable to walk. Children:

Catharine; Wesley; Samantha; LeRoy; Jane; Perry; Daniel.

DAVID (Phillip; J. G.), seventh son of Phillip and Rosanna (Bishoff) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., January 11, 1808, grew to manhood in what is now Sndyer county, Pa., sometime during 1831, he married Catharine Bruce and later with her came to Sandusky county, Ohio, and located on the forty acre lot next east of where his oldest brother Samuel was living, being in Section 12 of Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio. Here he resided several years and in 1838 sold his land and moved to Fulton county, Ind., locating four miles north of Kewanna. That country was then infested with wild animals and Indians. He was a hardworking and industrious man, made a home out of the forest and raised a family of seven children:

Daniel, born November 24, 1832.
Mary, married J. Hissong; died November 23, 1857.
Stephen, born June 18, 1837; died July 6, 1881.
Phillip, born August 24, 1839; died October 15, 1863.

Sarah, married Samuel Walters; live at Altamount, Kan
Angeline, married David Whitman.
Harriet, married Silas Smith and live at the old homestead.

His first wife, Catharine Bruce, died October 3, 1870, and is buried at Bruce Lake cemetery. He again married a widow Mary Stout. They had no children and parted, and for his third wife he married a Mrs. Burns, who died later. Finally on January 20, 1884, his eventful life came to a close and he is buried in Bruce Lake cemetery, by the side of the wife of his youth.

DANIEL (David; Phillip; J. G.), son of David and Catharine (Bruce) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., November 24, 1832, and came with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, and later to Fulton county, Indiana; grew to manhood in the new country of the far west as it was at that time. In 1853 he married Sarah Stamm and in 1854 moved to Pulaski county, where he continues to reside. In 1864 he enlisted in the 59th Regt Ind. Vol. Inft., and served about nine months, after which he returned to his farm. His wife died July 16th, 1867, aged 31 years, 7 months and 21 days, leaving him six children:

John, born August 11, 1855.
Mary E., born May 14, 1857.
Harriet, born October 18, 1859.
Phillip L., born Nov. 3, 1861.
Charles M., born March 27, 1863; died April 21, 1880.
Schuyler C., born December 29, 1864.

In October, 1868, he married for his second wife Lucinda Kroft, and with her had six children:

Franklin, born August 7, 1869.
Amanda, born November 7, 1870.
Etta M., born February 17, 1871.
Isaac, born November 10, 1872.
Benjamin, born July 11, 1875.
Annie, born November 15, 1880.

He owns a large farm said to be the best farm in Tippecanoe township, where he resides with one of his sons, his wife having left him and resides with another son.

JOHN (Daniel; David; Phillip; J. G.), first son of Daniel and Sarah (Stamm) Overmyer, was born in Pulaski county, Ind. Married Emma Burns: Their children are:

Lettie and Daniel.

His wife died and he again married Matilda Garman. Children:

Ira; Edward; Earnest; Lela.

They are members of the Evangelical church.

MARY E., married Amos Adams. Children:

Maud; Edith; Blaine; Clay; Carl and Earl are twins.

HARRIET, married Benjamin Zellars. They live in Winamac; is a painter. Children.

Almeda; Alvin; Harvey.

PHILLIP LINCOLN, married Lennie Luntzford; are farmers; live two miles west of Bruce Lake station; belong to Evangelical church; a republican. One child: May.

SCHUYLER C., married Lydia Owens, farmers; members of the M. E. church; republican; live four miles southwest of Leiters Ford, have three sons, one daughter: Bessie.

FRANKLIN, married Isabella McKee; are farmers; a republican; and live six miles southwest of Leiters Ford. Children:

Dessie; Bennie; Nina.

AMANDA, married Charles Bitterling are farmers; belong to Lutheran church and live three miles southwest of Monterey. Children:

Edna; Ruth; Clara; George; Charles, Oma, and an infant.

ETTA M., married Schuyler Wentzel; farmers; live four miles south of Monterey. Children:

Effie and Joseph.

ISAAC, married Addie Miser; are farmers; members of the Reformed church; a Republican and live five miles southwest of Leiters Ford. Children:

Harry; George; Clem.

BENJAMIN, married Ida Feece, April 13, 1898, daughter of William and Mary A. (Hartman) Feece, born March 18, 1875, are farming the old homestead four miles south of Monterey; a Republican. Child:

Daisie, born February 13, 1899.

ANNIE, married Edward Lewis; are farmers and live five miles south of Monterey. One child: Cecil.

CHAPTER V.

Line of John Michael, fifth son of the emigrant, John George, Overmyer, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1773.

JOHN MICHAEL (J. G.), fifth son and twelfth child of John George Overmyer, the emigrant, was born at the old homestead, now Limestone twp., Union county, Pa., January 12, 1773. By the teaching of his parents, he received a fair German education, and later learned the trade of what was then called, house carpenter and cabinet maker. House carpenters were those who after a hewed log house or other cabin was erected, would construct window sash and frames and doors, and door frames, lay matched floors, with boards all matched by hand. Such work he did during the summer season, and in the winter, would construct chairs, cupboards, tables and at times fanning mills for farmers, the gearings of which consisted of wooden cog-wheels all made by him. He also constructed many of the weaving looms on which our grandmothers wove the material to clothe their families with.

On September 22, 1793, at Longstown, Pa., he married Catharine Long, daughter of George Long, a switzer proprietor of Longstown (now New Berlin), where he resided, until he left Pennsylvania for Ohio. For many years he was Captain of the 7th Com. of the 39th Regt. of the Pennsylvania militia commanded by Col. Youngman. He and his oldest brother, John George, were named as executors in their father's last will and testament. Having completed their final settlement of his fathers estate in 1810, he prepared two teams, horses, harness and wagons, and with one four horse team, and one five horse team, moved to Ohio in 1811, located near Somerset, Perry county, entering a quarter section of forest land, and began to establish a home, with a family of six children. His brother Peter having settled there ten years previous, here he with his wife and children began and cleared up a farm. He often exchanged work with his

neighbors, would finish their homes and construct furniture for them, and they in turn would chop on clearings and build fence and plow for him.

In the fall of 1826, he with two of his sons, George L. and Michael, and a neighbor, Daniel Hensel, made a trip to Lower Sandusky to view the new country with a view to locating where water navigation could be utilized for shipping surplus produce, that would eventually accumulate in later years, when the forest was finally cleared away. He made the trip on horseback, the two sons and Mr. Hensel traveling on foot from their home in Perry county to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont) Sandusky county, mostly over new roads through the dense forest. They were well pleased with the lay of the land and the water navigation of the Sandusky river. On their return trip they stopped at the government land office at Bucyrus, Ohio. He entered the southeast quarter of Section 18 for George L. and the southwest quarter of the same section for Michael and Mr. Hensel entered the southwest quarter of Section 17 all in Sandusky township, paying one dollar and a quarter an acre. Mr. Hensel and the two sons moving onto the land in the fall of 1827. In 1831 he again came to Lower Sandusky on horseback to visit his sons, and found the cleared land so productive and the surroundings so much improved that he decided to sell his holdings in Perry County and himself and the balance of his family also come to Sandusky county. On his return he began preparation and the folowing year moved from Perry to Sandusky county and bought the southeast quarter of Section 19, Pike tract of 153 acres; lived a few months on the west bank of Big Mud creek, until he erected a one and one half story hewed log house on his land in the dense forest, where Samuel Kuns now resides, near Four Mile House, Sandusky township. The first year he resided here was a very wet and rainy season, and he like many other pioneers, became greatly discouraged, but he could not get back, and lived to see the Maumee Pike macadamized by the state and the country improve so much, that he became satisfied with his change. He helped and was principally instrumental in organizing the first Lutheran

congregation of Salem's Four Mile church; also active in getting the grounds for Four Mile cemetery.

The itinerant preacher ever was cordially received and entertained by him, and several young ministerial students, had their home with him for years. During the first four years of his residence here his remaining three children were married, viz: John, Barbara and Samuel. In 1836 his son-in-law, John Kuns, father of Samuel and John Kuns, moved in with him, from Perry county, with two four horse teams. Peter Overmyer and Peter Whitmer, both nephews of John M. Overmyer, were the teamsters on this move. The Kuns boys farmed for him as long as he lived. Their rye, wheat and buckwheat was all threshed with flail for quite a number of years. He was about 5 feet, 9 inches tall, square built, broad shouldered, very short stout neck, muscular, active, hardworking, and fond of horse-back riding. An eye witness told the writer that in later years, he kept a young spirited horse, for saddle purposes, and had a mounting stand erected from a square cut of a log or tree, so he could better mount the frisky animal, when starting away into the forest to gather in his and his neighbors cows, to have them ready at home by milking time. He had blue eyes, a round full, flushed, always smooth shaven face, of a genial disposition. When mounted on his charger, his erect position, broad shoulders, ruddy face, broad brimmed hat covering a fine head of grey hair, made a picture for patriarchal inspiration to those who would meet him, never to be forgotten. The writer was assured by many who knew him in their youth, that they considered him one of the grandest old gentlemen the country ever produced.

After a lingering dropsical ailment he died October 19, 1847, and is buried at Four Mile cemetery. His wife, Catharine (Long) Overmyer, was born October 11, 1775, where New Berlin, "formerly called Longstown," is situated. Her father, George Long laid out the town in 1792. Frederick Evans was the surveyor, the first lot sold was No. 53 to Adam Snyder, deed dated January 18, 1793, giving his daughter several lots . A house was erected, where she with her ordinary household duties, managed a bakery for the settlers of the village, baking the ever famous Bretzel and ginger bread, and brewing ginger ale to supply the

wants of the public. The writers father often related of remembering the great social jollification of people of the village when the fact was announced that Thomas Jefferson was declared president-elect of the United States. Having moved from Pennsylvania to Perry county, Ohio, in 1811, and from there to Lower Sandusky in 1832, twice tasted the severe trials of pioneer life, with a family of children. She died October 3, 1853, and was buried beside her venerable husband in Four Mile cemetery near her last place of residence.

They were life long members of the Lutheran church; he a Jeffersonian Democrat.

They had the following children:

George L., born January 4, 1795; died August 29, 1870.
Catharine, born June 4, 1799; died November 5, 1874.
Michael, born September 5, 1801.
Susan, born February 13, 1804; died December 31, 1840.
John, born December 24, 1806; died May 10, 1889.
Barbara, born September 25, 1809; died June 7, 1889.
Elizabeth and Magdalena, twins, born August 22, 1812; both died in infancy.
Samuel, born February 1, 1815; died in Mexican War in 1848.

GEORGE L., (John M.; J. G.), first son of John M. and Catharine (Long) Overmyer, was born in Longstown (now New Berlin) Pa., January 4, 1795, and was baptized in the Lutheran faith by Rev. Leist, his parents residing in the village until 1811, which gave the son George L., a fair opportunity to attend school, free schools were unknown in that age. Teachers would canvass a community and parents were obliged to subscribe, and pay a certain amount per scholar per quarter or term. If teachers would secure a sufficient number of pupils, then the school would begin and continue until the number would drop below a paying basis, and then close until some other teacher would be secured. One of his first teachers was the elder James Parks, who was appointed a Justice of the Peace March 30, 1797, and was taught later by Alexander Templeton, and Dr. James Charlton two Englishmen of high educational attainments, through which

the young student was enabled to procure an education above the ordinary young men of his day and age. Financial problems contained in the text books were in sterling, pounds and shillings and pence, though the decimal system was adopted in 1786, but few text books or teachers taught that system then. In 1811 he came, with his parents to Perry county, Ohio, walking nearly the entire distance, as he assisted in driving several cows. Here he assisted his parents in clearing up the home farm, and on May 16, 1816, he married Mary Bowman, daughter of George and Catharine (Rooch) Bowman, born in Westmoreland county, Pa., September 10th, 1801. After marriage he learned the milling trade and served in a grist mill owned by his father-in-law, George Bowman, until 1827, then he, his brother Michael, and a neighbor, Daniel Hensel, moved by teams to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont). The three families first moved into a cabin on the west bank of Muscalunge creek on the south side of the Maumee Pike, lived there only a short time until they erected a cabin on the southeast quarter of Section 18, then the three families moved into it, and with the aid of their three wives and the elder children, erected a cabin for each of the other two families on their respective tracts. The three families were without a team the first year, each family had two cows, that were wintered on corn in the ear and underbrush of the forest. Their corn meal for family bread and mush, was mostly carried home from the Lower Sandusky Mills in sacks on the pioneer's shoulder, through the forest on a direct line from the settlement to Lower Sandusky crossing Muscalunge creek at the Bowlus sawmill nearly a mile north of the Pike. Later he bought an ox team, which served a splendid purpose for the settlement. Constructing a box onto the rear axle of the wagon, with a temporary tongue attached thereto, one would with this cart, and the ox team convey quite a grist to and back from the mill for the settlement, after clearing a field several crops were usually raised without a plow or harrow in use in the field the soil being stirred and cultivated with the hoe.

In 1836 he sold this farm and moved several miles west onto the northeast quarter of section 11, Washington twp., which he had bought from the government in 1835. Here he resided

until 1849 assisting in organizing the township, being elected as one of the first Justice of the Peace. Solemnizing many marriages in that capacity, for the settlers, was elected as the first township clerk, which office he held thirty years in succession; was a good mathematician and penman, many deeds and mortgages were by him written and are in a plain round hand and well preserved to this day.

He was a lean, spare built man, blue eyes, of a jovial, free and liberal disposition, no financier, never accumulated much of this world's goods and loosing heavily by bailing others; a Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democrat; a member of the Lutheran church; he and his wife lived together over fifty-four years, he dying very suddenly of paralysis of the heart August 29, 1870.

The wife and mother resided with their children and died October 18, 1879; are buried side by side in Four Mile cemetery. Had the following children:

Catharine, born in 1817; died in infancy.
Susan, born April 16, 1820; died January 8, 1887.
Elizabeth, born April 21, 1822; died April 15, 1879.
Paul, born November 20, 1824; died March 29, 1847.
Solomon B., born November 23, 1826.
George B., born February 18, 1829; died February 9, 1885.
Mary A., born March 12, 1831; died June 11, 1905.
John, born May 19, 1833; died February 8, 1900.
Noah, born January 18, 1836; died December 28, 1852.
Sarah, born May 2, 1838.
Barnhart B., born July 26, 1840.
Samuel B., born October 6, 1842; died October 9, 1864.

SUSAN (George L.; J. M.; J. G.), daughter of George L. and Mary (Bowman) Overmyer, was born in Perry county, Ohio and come with her parents to Sandusky county in 1827. Later married Joseph Shively. First settled on Section 25 of Washington twp.; sold this farm to Leonard Hess, then moved into Sandusky township, and settled on the north side of the Maumee Pike in Section 29. In 1855, he sold this place and bought 160 acres in Sections 12 and 13 in Washington township, where they resided until they died, his death occurring August

31, 1881, and hers January 8, 1887; were buried in Four Mile cemetery. Children:

Sarah, born July 10, 1835; married N. Engler June 1, 1854.

Elizabeth, born September 10, 1837; married H. J. Kramb April 22, 1866.

Henry, born January 23, 1840; married Savilla Boop.

John, born May 15, 1842; married Elizabeth Ribble.

George Alfred, born March 23, 1844; married Catherine Kuns.

Solomon, born March 3, 1846; married Mary Hufford.

Joseph Franklin, born June 30, 1848.

William Hanson, born March 7, 1852.

James Allen, born January 19, 1860.

Louis W., born January 21, 1866.

ELIZABETH (George L.; John M.; J. G.), third daughter of George L. and Mary Overmyer, was born in Perry county, Ohio, came with her parents to Sandusky county, and on June 10, 1840, married Isaac Overmyer, son of (Peter; John George; J. G.), resided on different farms in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, until 1855, when they with John Anderson, Luke Overmyer and others moved to Pulaski county, Ind., overland with several ox teams and a few horse teams. Started near Fremont, Ohio, on a Wednesday and arrived at their destination, near Winamac, Pulaski county, Indiana, a week after the following Sunday. Erected a cabin, began clearing the land and establishing a home. Isaac died January 7, 1864, leaving one child:

Susan, born April 1, 1841.

A few years after Isaac's death she married Ferdinand Seidel of Winamac, Ind. With him had no children . She died April 15, 1879, and is buried in Montrey cemetery, Montrey, Ind. Susan, her daughter, on February 6, 1864, at Winamac, Ind. married Richard Hoesel, son of Charles and Catherine (Wesner) Hoesel, born in Bohemia, near Saxony, July 20, 1840, and came to America in 1855 and located in Seneca county, Ohio. Went from there with his parents to Indiana in 1858, where after their marriage they accumulated a large farm—at one time owning over eleven hundred acres of land, all well stocked with hogs.

horses, cattle and sheep. Their residence and home farm is situated three and one-half miles southwest of Montrey. He was injured by a spirited team running away on January 1, 1895 from which he died January 3, never having regained consciousness or spoken a word after the accident. He is buried in the family lot in Montrey cemetery, Montrey, Ind. She has divided the farms and other property among their children and resides in a fine home by herself in Montrey, spending much of her time with her children and other relatives. Their children:

C. Hubert; Nettie B.; Mary E.; Ida C.; Chas. H.; Louisa A.; Clara E.; Frank A.; John Lewis; Alpha R. Their history briefly is as follows:

C. Hubert, born January 3, 1865. Died March 5, 1865.

Nettie B., born July 29, 1866. Married Enoch Overmeyer, son of Ezekiel (Peter; John George; J. G. (See Chapter II.)

Mary E., born February 25, 1868. She attended school at Ladoga, Winamac and Logansport, and taught several terms, and on June 17, 1891, married Schuyler Johnson, son of Eli and Jane (South) Johnson. They are farmers and reside on a nice farm of 256 acres six miles northeast of Winamac. Children:

Hazel E., born June 3, 1893.

Esther M., born November 26, 1898.

Ida C., born September 9, 1869. Married George H. Wentzel. Have three children: Harry S., born October 11, 1888; Charles H., born November 13, 1889; Eva S., born December 16, 1900; live at a nice home four miles southwest of Leiter's Ford.

Charles H., born July 27, 1871. On January 29, 1893, married Nettie Smith, daughter of George and Sarah (Bennett) Smith, born November 10, 1875. Are members of the Lutheran church; are farmers, reside on their farm of 252 acres, three miles northeast of Winamac. Children: Fay, born November 25, 1893; May, born December 15, 1894; Earl Richard, born January 9, 1896; Alpha, born January 13, 1898; Hubert, born March 9, 1899, and Ethel, born March 16, 1901.

Louisa A., born September 12, 1873. On February 27, 1892, at Winamac, Ind., married Jacob Frank Shine, son of Charles and Lucetta Shine, born in Pulaski county April 7, 1870. After mar-

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Solomon
Susan

George
Elizabeth

John
Mary A.

Barnhart B.
Sarah

riage they located at Hammond, Ind., where he was formerly a carpenter and contractor, and built many fine residences in said place. Since 1898 he has been a metropolitan police officer. They belong to the Lutheran church. He is a Democrat, and they reside at 41 West Doty street, Hammond, Ind. Children: Phamie, born June 13, 1893; Charles H., born October 9, 1896; Eva M., born October 29, 1898; Frank W., born April 3, 1901.

Clara E., born July 25, 1876. Died July 5, 1877.

Frank A., born April 26, 1878.

John Lewis, born May 7, 1880. On May 21, 1901, married Cora V. Bruce, daughter of Daniel and Sarah E. (Hizer) Bruce born October 16, 1877. They reside two miles west of Bruce's Lake.

Alpha R., born August 9, 1882; married, lives on old homestead.

PAUL (George L.; John M.; J. G.), first son and fourth child of George L. and Mary (Bowman) Overmeyer, was born in Perry county, Ohio, November 20, 1824, and came with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1827, where he grew to manhood, attending the primitive rural schools of that time, taught by his father and his uncle, Isaac Moore, which was only three months each year during the winter season. In summer he assisted his parents and neighbors in clearing up the farms and was generally engaged as sawyer in the lumber sawmills, erected along the streams of the vicinity. He was a natural musician and fond of vocal music, possessing a splendid voice which he fully cultivated by practice and drilled the young people of the community for splendid old-time church music. In the spring of 1847, while engaged as foreman on the sawmill owned by Solomon Waggoner, he contracted a cold by being in the water repairing the floodgates of said mill, which produced lung fever or pneumonia, from which he died March 29, 1847. Is buried in Four Mile cemetery.

SOLOMON B. (George L.; John M.; John G.), was born near Somerset, Perry county Ohio, November 23, 1826. Came to Sandusky county with his parents in 1827, attending the

public schools taught by his father and his uncle, Isaac Moore, in winter, and assistinng his father in clearing land in summer spring and fall. The first clearings were planted to corn with the hoe, and cultivated with the hoe entirely, as they had no team. In 1845, during the summer, he worked for John Sworm, a blacksmith, as an apprentice; was also admitted a confirmed member of the Lutheran church by Rev. Henry Lang. The following spring he went to York Center, east of Clyde, at Wales Corners, to serve as an apprentice and learn blacksmithing, of J. B. Carl, and two years later came to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), and worked for Solomon Lansing, founder of the City of Lansing, Michigan; then worked a year at Hamer's Corners (now Clyde, O.) for Tom. Wilkes. He was a contractor and had a contract to macadamize the Maumee Pike from Green Creek to York Center, Solomon B. doing the repair work on the tools used on said contract. In November, 1848, on the day after election, when Zach. Taylor was elected president of the United States, he, with Daniel Boyer, started on a western trip afoot, carrying each a satchel, walking to Maumee, thence by canal boat to Defiance, husking corn there a few days; thence walked to Fort Wayne, Ind., carrying their satchels; thence to Rochester, Whitley county. Here Mr. Boyer became discouraged and started on his return home, but S. B. proceeded to Oswego and worked, piece work, making horse shoes and horse shoe nails, getting for the latter one dollar per thousand, working one week; then walked to Warsaw, Kosciuska county, thence to Goshen, and north to White Pigeon, Michigan. Here he worked two years for Thomas P. Huff at blacksmithing. In the summer of 1850 he concluded to return home, going from White Pigeon to Jonesville by stage, thence by the first railroad he ever saw to Toledo, by canal from Toledo to Maumee, from there home, one mile east of Hessville, by stage. Rented a blacksmith shop of John Reed at Hessville and continued working at that trade. Married Magdalena Barbara Overmyer (daughter of Michael; David; J. G.) Aug. 12, 1852, at Hessville, Ohio, by John Berry, justice of the peace; she was born near Longstown (New Berling), Pa., Sept. 30, 1833.

To them were born the following children:

Elizabeth, born December 31, 1853; died in 1859.

Mary Savilla, born March 18, 1856; married Frank Spieledenner.

David Allen, born February 13, 1859.

Isaac Franklin, born January 12, 1862; died.

John Joseph, born August 30, 1863.

Martha Fianna, born July 27, 1866.

William Alvin, born Jan. 6, 1870; died March 12, 1874.

Sarah Belle, born October 1, 1873; died Jan. 5, 1900.

Having discontinued the trade of blacksmithing, he turned his attention to farming until 1879, then moved to Hessville and since has lived a retired life; always a Jacksonian democrat and both members of the Lutheran church. She died March 27 1904; buried at Four Mile cemetery.

MARY SAVILLA, born March 18, 1856, in Washington township; educated in the common schools of Washington township, married May 30, 1882, at Fremont, O., to Frank Spieldenner, born May 9, 1842. She is a member of the Lutheran church and he is a carpenter by occupation and has been employed by the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Co. for a number of years to build and repair cars, and they reside at No. 753 Madison street, Conneaut, Ohio.

Their children:

Magdalena Elizabeth, born April 12, 1883.

Martha B., born June 15, 1884; died June 30, 1885.

Mary F., born September 27, 1885.

Solomon A., born April 24, 1887.

Franklin E., born June 24, 1897.

DAVID ALLEN (Solomon; George L.; J. M.; J. G.), was born in Washington township, one mile east of Linnsey, Ohio February 13, 1859; educated in the common schools of the township and on November 20, 1879, married Calista Ebersole, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Overmyer) Ebersole, born June 21, ——; are farmers, and reside one mile northeast of Millbury, Ohio, and have the following children:

Oliver, born April 22, 1880.

Edward, born March 20, 1882.

Nathaniel, born November 29, 1883.
Sadie Bell, born February 27, 1885; died July 3, 1904.
Infant, born November 3, 1886; died December 7, 1886.
Vicia Alice, born November 23, 1888.
Myrtle V., born August 26, 1891.

OLIVER (David A.; Sol.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), first son of David Allen and Calista (Ebersole) Overmyer, was born near Millbury, Ohio, April 22, 1880, and when grown to manhood married Rosa Miller, is a ship carpenter and they reside at No. 1224 Navarre Ave., Toledo, Ohio, have one child.

Oral Oliver, born November, 1904.

JOHN JOSEPH (Sol.; G. L.; J. M.; J. G.), born August 30, 1863, at Hessville, Ohio, educated in the county schools of the township, and was married February 5, 1888 at Hessville, to Lucy Schroeder, born March 8, 1870 at Woodville, Ohio, daughter of William and Mary Schroeder. They are members of the Lutheran church, are farmers and live near Prairie Depot, Wood County, Ohio. Children:

Lily Mary Magdaline, born July 13, 1888.
William Gerhardt, born June 23, 1893.
Ida May Belle, born June 23, 1896.

MARTHA F. (Sol.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), daughter of Solomon and Mary M. Overmyer, was born July 27, 1866, near Lindsey, Ohio, educated in the common schools of the township. Married October 11, 1887 at Hessville, Ohio, to Frank Ward. They reside at Bay Shore, Lucas County, Ohio, P. O. address, Station A, Toledo, Ohio. Children:

Isaac Arthur, born September 8, 1888.
Ivan Salisbury, born November 16, 1890.
Ethel Margie, born September 7, 1892.
Ella Viola, born January 5, 1896.
Mary Magdalena, born January 12, 1899
Charles Henry, born January 11, 1900.

SARAH BELL (Solomon; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born October 1, 1873, near Lindsey, Ohio, educated in the common schools of the township, married Henry Lockmiller, to them were born three children.

Clara.
Edward.
Infant. Her death occurring January 5, 1900.

GEORGE B. (G. L.; J. M.; J. G.), son of Geo. L. and Mary Overmyer, was born February 18, 1830 in Sandusky township, Sandusky County, Ohio,baptized to the Lutheran faith in infancy, educated in the common schools of the township and later learned the carpenter trade. Married Elizabeth Fickel, daughter of Geo. and Catharine Fickel, born in Germany, June 4, 1835. Lived at Hessville, Ohio, several years, then moved to Upper Sandusky, Wyandot County, but later returned to Fremont, Ohio. Enlisted with Capt. Jno. L. Green, Jr., company E, 186th Regiment, Ohio Volunteers Infantry, mustered in at Camp Chase, March 2, 1865, 991 men, Thomas F. Wildes, colonel. Reported at Nashville, Tennessee, March 8, sent to Cleveland, that state; then to Dalton, Georgia; then to Chatanooga, Tenessee; mustered out at Nashville, September 18, 1865, 851 men, colonel Wildes still commanding. Returned to his home at Fremont, Ohio. His children consisted as follows:

Mary Savilla, born May 2, 1851; died August 4, 1851.
William Henry, born August 14, 1852; died June, 1903.
Clara Cecelia, born January 16, 1854.
Mary Ellen, born February 23, 1856; died June 29, 1885.
Geo. Franklin, born October 4, 1859; died June 30, 1860.
Charles W., born September 7, 1857.
Eugene, born August 14, 1861.
Almeda C., born June 8, 1863.
Frank H., born September, 11, 1870.

George B. Overmyer, died February 9, 1885, and his wife died December 3, 1893, and are buried side by side in the B. B. Overmyer lot, four mile Cemetery, Sandusky Township, Sandusky County, Ohio.

WILLIAM H. (G. B.; G. L.; J. M.; Jno. G.); was born August 14, 1852, was educated in the common schools of the township. When about sixteen years old he assisted a horse buyer to take several car loads of horses to Boston, Massachusets, where he remained several years, then enlisted into the service of the United States regular army, and served five years,

was in the famous Modoc Indian Warfare of the Oregon lava beds, with General Custer, fighting the Indians under various Wiley Indian Chiefs Sitting Bull, Rain-in-the--face, Medicine Wolfe, Gray Beard, White Horse, Little Bull and Little Bear. after the time of service had expired he stayed a short time in Oregon, then drifted eastward to Pike County, Illinois, where he married Mary Leland, born June 15, 1852, daughter of Charles Leland, who was a soldier of the rebellion, belonging to Company D., 7th California Cavalry. Their children are:

George Henry, born February 10, 1876.

Alfred Eugene, born November 20, 1878; died July 8, 1880.

Harry Addison, born September 9, 1881.

James William, born April 9, 1883.

Gertrude May, born May 14, 1886.

Charles Franklin, born September 18, 1893.

He was a carpenter and contractor in later years. After a lingering illness with Brights disease. He died in June, 1903 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

GEORGE H. (Wm. H.; Geo. B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born in Fremont, Ohio, February 10, 1876, later married and is employed as conductor by The Toledo Traction Co., and they reside at 833 Junction Ave., Toledo, Ohio. Have one child:

Verna, born June 4, 1901.

JAMES WILLIAM, (Wm. H.; Geo. B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.),was born in Fremont, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, and married, is employed by The Toledo Traction Co, and resides at 1021 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio.

CLARA C. (Geo. B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), daughter of Geo. B. and Elizabeth (Fickel) Overmyer, was born January 16, 1854, resided with her parents until August, 1865, then went to East Hampton, Massachusetts with the family of T. Clapp, and remained there until April, 1871, then returned to Fremont, Ohio, where she married James Shultz, June 19, 1872. He was a cabinet maker by trade, a member of I. O. O. F. lodge, and she belongs to the Daughters of Rebecca. Both members of St. Paul's Episcopal church. He died December 4, 1894, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Fremont, Ohio. She resides and

owns the home on corner of Croghan and Austin Streets, Fremont, Ohio.

MARY E. (Geo. B.; G. L.; Jno. M.; Jno. G.), was born February 23, 1856. Married John Shannon in 1879 at Fremont, Ohio. One son

Charles, born September 7, 1880.

After a lingering illness with consumption, after returning from Los Angeles, California, where she had gone to regain her health. She died June 29, 1885, and is buried beside her parents in Four Mile Cemetery.

CHARLES W. (Geo. B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.),was born at Upper Sandusky, Wyandot County, September 7, 1857. Attended the common schools of the community and later learned the trade of plastering. On March 24, 1883, at Fremont, O., he married Fannie C. Walhof, daughter of Louis and Catharine (Banz) Walhof of Austria, born August 22, 1853. Are members of the Reformed church. He is a democrat, reside at 115 Austin St., Fremont, Ohio. Children:

Clyde L., born July 29, 1885
Carl L., born June 15, 1887; died April 12, 1888.
Harold F., born January 21, 1889.
Lucy C., born October 10, 1891.

EUGENE (Geo. B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born August 14, 1861, near Fremont, Ohio, attended the common school of the township and later learned the carpenter trade. Was married to Catharine Chambers of Ottawa County, Ohio.

ALMEDA C. (Geo. B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born June 8, 1863 at Fremont, Ohio, was educated in the schools of Fremont, and for several years taught common schools of the vicinity, and on April 11, 1883, she married Charles Freeh, in St. Joseph's Catholic church, by Dr. Baur. Mr. Freeh is a son of Albina and Monica Freeh, is an engineer and machinist; reside in Fremont, Ohio. Children:

Anna E., born September 6, 1883.
Geo. A., born February 27, 1885.
Louis H., born September 4, 1888.

Hazel C., born December 28, 1890.
Carl W., born January 1, 1893.

MARY ANN (Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), daughter of Geo. L. and Mary (Bowman) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, March 12, 1831; attended the schools of Washington Township; was employed as a servant girl by many of the neighbors, and was proficient in spinning, sewing and quilting, as was the custom in those pioneer days. She was a member of the Lutheran church, and on March 27, 1852, at Hessville, Ohio, married Joshua Box, son of Nicholas and Margaret Box; born in Northampton county, Pa., December 13, 1822. He was a demoocrat, a blacksmith, but later disposed of his equipments and moved to Ingham County, Michigan, where they engaged in farming. Of late years he paid considerable attention to bee keeping, but his health failed. He died April 6, 1903, and she died June 11, 1905, and are buried in Mapleridge Cemetery, Ingham County, Michigan. Children:

Mary A., born September 16, 1853; married Bennett Howes.
Margaret S., born June 22, 1855; died in Childhood.
Hosea D., born March 16, 1857.
Sarah H., born January 26, 1858; died June 14, 1862.
Charlotta J., born December 17, 1860; married John Mohn.
Clara E., born October 5, 1862; died.
Susan C., born October 5, 1864; married Chas. L. Hulett; died, leaving two sons.
Emma L., born March 3, 1867.

Hosea D., only son of Joshua and Mary A. (Overmyer) Box, was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, March 16, 1857; was educated in the schools of that community, and at Hessville, Ohio; went with his parents to Michigan and assisted them in procuring a farm, near Lansing, the capital of the state; where on February 22, 1882, he married Sarah Ulyssa Keeler, daughter of John and Rebecca Keeler; born September 19, 1862. They are of the leading farmers in Ingham County, and have the following children:

Wilber R., born February 7, 1884.
Rolly J., born February 18, 1886; died June 17, 1892.
Anna R., born March 23, 1887.

Grace J., born January 14, 1892.
Gertie M., born May 25, 1894.
Harry D., born December 31, 1896.
Elmer C. born November 17, 1898.
Howard L., born May 13, 1903.

JOHN (Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), eighth child of Geo. L., was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 19, 1833; attended the common schools of the township and later became a steam engineer and grist miller. Married Margaret Ridenour in Hopewell Township, Perry County, Ohio; a daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Ridenour, born August 8, 1833. They were both members of the Lutheran church; later moved to Paulding County, Ohio, on a farm. Their children are:

Mary Jane, born September 24, 1854.

Charlotte Savilla, born March 23, 1857; died October 23, 1857.

Frances Cornelia, born October 3, 1858; married Sam M, Zartman.

Joseph Franklin, born February 2, 1861.

Harriett Alvesta, born November 9, 1863; died March 14, 1892.

John Arthur, born March 22, 1868.

Wm. Edgar, born December 3, 1869; died December 18, 1895.

Maxie Elizabeth, born March 7, 1871; married Michael Mondershide.

Charles Isaiah, born June 15, 1873.

George Martin, born September 17, 1875.

Jesse Raymond, born March 1, 1879.

After residing in Paulding County, near Payne, he with his sons operated a steam saw mill, for other parties in connection with the farm for a number of years. After a lingering dropsical ailment, he died February 8, 1900, and is buried near Payne, Pauling County, Ohio.

MARY JANE (John; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born September 24, 1854, at Hessville, Sandusky county, Ohio; moved with her parents to Perry County, Ohio; attended the common schools of the county and later returned to Sandusky County.

Married William Anderson, near Lindsey, Ohio, December 12, 1884. Resided on a farm some years then sold this farm and moved to Paulding County, Ohio; later sold their farm there, then moved to Fulton County, Indiana; reside near Tiosa. Their children:

James B., born September 21, 1885; enlisted in the U. S. Navy in August, 1902.

Howard H., born March 27, 1888.

Delbert F., born June 10, 1889.

Louis W., born March 14, 1893.

FRANCES CORNELIA (John; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born in Perry County, Ohio, October 3, 1858. Married Samuel M. Zartman of Perry County, Ohio.

JOSEPH FRANKLIN (John; Geo L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born February 2, 1861, at Glenford, Perry County, Ohio; educated at New Reading, Ohio; married at Payne, Ohio, April 26, 1896, to Alice Susan Smith, born February 17, 1875, at North Star, Darke County, Ohio, daughter of Henry J. and Mary Smith. He belongs to I. O. O. F. lodge and the Lutheran church; a republican in politics, and is employed as head sawyer by a firm in Payne, Ohio, where he resides.

JOHN ARTHUR (John; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born March 22, 1868, at Brownsville, Licking county, Ohio; attended school at New Reading, Perry county, Ohio. Married June 27, 1889, at Payne, Ohio, to Ida Barton, born March 25, 1872, at Bluffton, Wells county, Indiana; daughter of Rozel and Mary Barton. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge; a republican and resides near Edgerton, Allen County, Indiana, and is engaged in farming. Their children are:

Bloom, born October 15, 1891.

Orville, born November 27, 1893.

Olive, born December 6, 1895.

Clyde, born October 12, 1897.

SARAH (G. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born in section eleven, Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, May 2, 1838; attended the country school in her youth; assisted her

parents and neighbors in general women's work until October 6, 1864, when she married Jacob N. Engler, born July 4, 1836, in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, Ohio; son of David and Edith (Burgoon) Engler. He learned the carpenter trade in youth and has followed it since. They began housekeeping near Four Mile house; now reside near the place of her birth. Their children:

Cora Odell, born April 5, 1866.
Mary Edith, born August 1, 1870.
Henry Hanson, born October 31, 1872.

Cora O. Engler, married Cyrus Overmyer, April 29, 1886, son of P. H. (Geo.; P.; J. G.)

Mary E. Engler, married General M. Marsh at Prairie Depot, Ohio, May 20, 1896. He was born January 11, 1872; son of Lucius and Sarah Marsh. Their children:

Hobart E., born March 1, 1897.
Virgie Naoma, born January 25, 1900.
Margaret Lorene, born July 14, 1902.
Post office address, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Henry H. Engler, married Hattie Burkett, March 25, 1896. She was born January 11, 1873. They reside at Lindsey, Ohio. He is a carpenter by trade and is employed in the vicinity of Lindsey and in the City of Fremont, Ohio.

BARNHART B. (Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), sixth son and eleventh child of Geo. L. and Mary (Bowman) Overmyer, was born in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, one mile east of Lindsey. He attended the rural district schools of No. 1 and 7, and assisted his parents in farming, until he was 19 years old, then he attended the preparatory department of Oberlin college two years, devoting his time principally to the English language, and the higher mathematics. Teaching in winter in the various common schools of the community for fourteen years; also taught the village school of Hessville, Ohio. During the winter 1864 and 1865, where he had one hundred and seventeen pupils enrolled on the school register, and an average daily attendance of ninety seven, requiring daily assistance by the more advanced scholars of the school.

He was elected second lieutenant of Company B., 3rd Regiment., O. M. I., on July 4, 1863, and commissioned by Governor Todd on the 20th of that month. He, with the other officers of his regiment, immediately reported at Camp Lucas, Toledo, Ohio where they were drilled and instructed in military tactics by able and efficient officers, under adjutant General Hill; subsequently drilling a portion of the militia of the north half of Washington township, frequently, until September, 1864, when the militia regiments were all discharged by a general order from the adjutant general of Ohio. On August 29, 1865, at the parsonage in Fremont, Ohio, by Rev. H. Lang, he married Mary Malinda Walborn, daughter of William and Lydia (Rutter) Walborn, born October 15, 1844, at Stauchburg, Berks, county, Pa.; came with her parents to Sandusky county in 1860, choosing the occupation of general farming, they located on a level, wet, and timbered farm, one mile northeast of Lindsey, Ohio, which he bought for nineteen dollars per acre; residing thereon thirty-three years. During that time he filled various offices of the township, serving as township trustee in all twelve years, a member of the board of education, nineteen years; its president many terms; elected as a member of the Sandusky County Agricultural society, a member of its executive committee, three years; its vice president, two terms and its president, two terms. Also elected and served as director of the Sandusky County Mutual Insurance company, three years; as an actuary, five years, and as its secretary, five years. Its risks increasing to over one million five hundred thousand dollars during his time of service. In the mean time giving attention to general farming and fine stock raising. For thirty years his farms produced some of the finest horses, hogs, sheep and cattle the country afforded. His agricultural ideas were always along the lines of progress, owning and operating the first twine-binding harvester and check-row corn planter in the township; also laid the first drain tile in his immediate neighborhood.

During all these years he looked well to the education of his children, giving them much better opportunities in that direction than he ever had. In politics always a liberal democrat. Member of the Lutheran church and had the following children:

Emma R., born April 8, 1866.
Samuel F., born May 21, 1870.
John C., born November 20, 1871.
Robert L., born May 24, 1877.
Arthur W., born May 31, 1879.

On frequent occasions he was besought by his many friends to be a candidate for county comissioner on his party's ticket, but failed to secure the nomination, until several of the opposite party had been elected. Again he consented and was placed on his party's ticket against the incumbent who had been elected three years previous with a majority of over sixteen hundred votes. After a spirited campaign, Mr. Overmyer was elected by nearly one thousand majority, making a change of about twenty-six hundred votes in favor of Mr. Overmyer. He served three years and for re-election was bitterly opposed by a set of grafters whose bills he had cut short and their jobs dispensed.

The following is a clipping of the local paper on the side for the improvements:

The democratic candidate for County Commissioner, B. B. Overmyer, of Washington township, needs no encomiums from the press to strengthen the regard in which he is held by the taxpayers of Sandusky county.

For fifty-nine years he has lived among our people, serving them in the capacity of teacher and instructor, devoting his time earlier in life to educational work and to practical business farming, and when called by the people to act as one of the board of Commissioners, intrusted with the business of managing the financial affairs of the county, and looking to its improvement and advancement, he brought with him a wide experience coupled with an active, energetic and thinking brain. As a teacher, as a member on the township board of education, as township trustee and finally as county commissioner, he has always been progressive, useful and pains-taking in the discharge of every duty.

For many years past the County Commissioners have been making temporary loans, ranging from five to as high as $40,000 to "bridge over" the necessities of the county's business. This

year, through the suggestions and assistance of Mr. Overmyer, by putting into practice economy and retrenchment, by using business methods and by curtailing public expenditures, the commissioners conducted the business of the year without the necessity of borrowing a cent. The county, and every tax-payer in it, has gotten the benefit of this.

The Republican party, with its usual aptness for misrepresentation, has attempted to use the grant of the electric railway franchise as a political argument; but in this way they overreach the mark. The tinkle of the electric bell of progress and the sound of the pick and shovel in the hands of the unemployed laborers in Sandusky county, speak in louder tones than the false cries of desperate politicians.

You cannot do better than to reward a faithful public servant with a second term, and by doing so you will give the public a valuable aid in the economic administration of county affairs.

Mr. Overmyer was re-elected by a fair majority and during his second term continued to displease certain unprincipled parties by refusing to allow their unjust claims, for which they manipulated the grand juries sufficient to procure indictments against him and others for misconduct in office.

After testing the charges in the various courts, up to the supreme court, and before a jury, of twelve able and disinterested men, Mr. Overmyer's conduct was exhonorated and endorsed.

Since 1898, they resided near the city limits on West State St., on a nicely located farm, enjoying the society of their children, and a pleasant community.

EMMA REBECCA (B. B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), only daughter and first child of Barnhart B. and Mary M. (Walborn) Overmyer, was born one mile northeast of Lindsey, Ohio, April 8, 1866; was educated in the common schools of the community and high school of Fremont, Ohio, and on April 12, 1893, by Rev. W. A. Bowman, at Fremont, Ohio, married Charles P. Auxter, son of Henry and Harriet (Hetrick) Auxter, born March 24, 1865. They are members of the Lutheran church. He is a democrat, a painter and paperhanger; reside on White Ave., Fremont, Ohio, and have no children.

SAMUEL FRANKLIN (B. B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), first son of B. B. and Mary M. (Walborn) Overmyer, was born in Lindsey, Ohio, May 21, 1870; was educated in the common schools of the community, and assisted on his father's farm till and after his mariage, which was on September 27, 1888, by Rev. W. A. Bowman, at Fremont, Ohio, to Emma M., daughter of Daniel and Mary (Seigenthaler) Hetrick, born July 21, 1871; is by trade a carpenter and machinist, but at present is farming on his father's homestead. They are members of the Lutheran church; a democrat, and have two children.

Elta Lucinda, born April 23, 1889.

Harry Melvin, born May 1, 1896.

JOHN CALVIN (Barnhart B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), son of Barnhart B. and Mary Malinda (Walborn) Overmyer, was born November 20, 1871, in the primitive "log house," the home of his parents, situated one and one-half miles northeast of Lindsey, Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio. He attended the county school in district No. 9, Washington township, and early assisted in the duties of farm life during the summer months and attended school during the winter, until he reached the age of fifteen when he attended the graded school at Lindsey, one winter under the instructions of S. W. Grant. He began teaching in the autumn of 1888, his first school being in district No. 10, Salem township, Ottawa county, and taught each succeeding winter until the spring of 1901; seven years of which time he taught in the country schools of Rice and Sandusky townships, Sandusky county, except the one term taught in Ottawa county; the remaining six years he taught graded school at Hessville, Helena, and Lindsey.

In the autumn of 1889 he was a student in the preparatory department of Oberlin college, and in August, 1890, entered the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, taking up the course in civil engineering and surveying.

He attended the university a term or two each year and pursued his studies during the winter months in connection with his duties as teacher, until he completed the course, graduating in 1893. While at the universtiy he was a member of Company D., O. N. U. cadet batallion and the Franklin Literary society.

He also took a commercial course and book-keeping in the Bryant and Stratton correspondence college of Buffalo, N. Y. On August 1, 1894, he married Ida C. Hasselbach at Kingsway, Ohio; Rev. W. A. Bowman officiating. She was born January 6, 1872, in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio; the eldest child of Charles and Rosa (Locher) Hasselbach. She also attended the University at Ada, and taught school four years. They purchased a home in Lindsey where they resided until September, 1897, when they moved to Helena, Ohio, and in May, 1898, moved to their present residence on West State street, Fremont, Ohio.

Mr. Overmyer was for five years secretary of the Sandusky County Fair Association, and four seasons employed in the offices of the Continental Sugar Company.

He has spent some time in travel; in 1894 he visited the birth-place and former home of his mother in Berks county, Pa., and extended his trip to Philadelphia and the Atlantic coast, and in 1896, spent several months in Illinois and Missouri, and in 1902, spent several weeks in Indiana. He has spared neither time nor money in collecting facts and data and preparing them for the successful publication of this, the first edition of the Overmyer History and Geneology.

He is a democrat, and they are members of the Lutheran church. He follows his profession, that of a surveyor and civil engineer, and was in the employ of the county surveyor of Wood county, Ohio, one season, and two seasons in the employ of the engineering firm of Riggs and Sherman, Toledo, Ohio.

Since 1902 he has an office of his own and enjoys a liberal patronage in railroad and municipal engineering and land surveying.

They own fifty-three acres of fine land one-half mile northwest of the corporate limits of Fremont, Ohio, and have a pleasant home on West State Street, where they reside. His office is at the corner of State and Justice streets . They have two children:

Calvin J., born February 13, 1897.

Edith E., born April 8, 1899.

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Mary A. (Overmyer) Box and Family.

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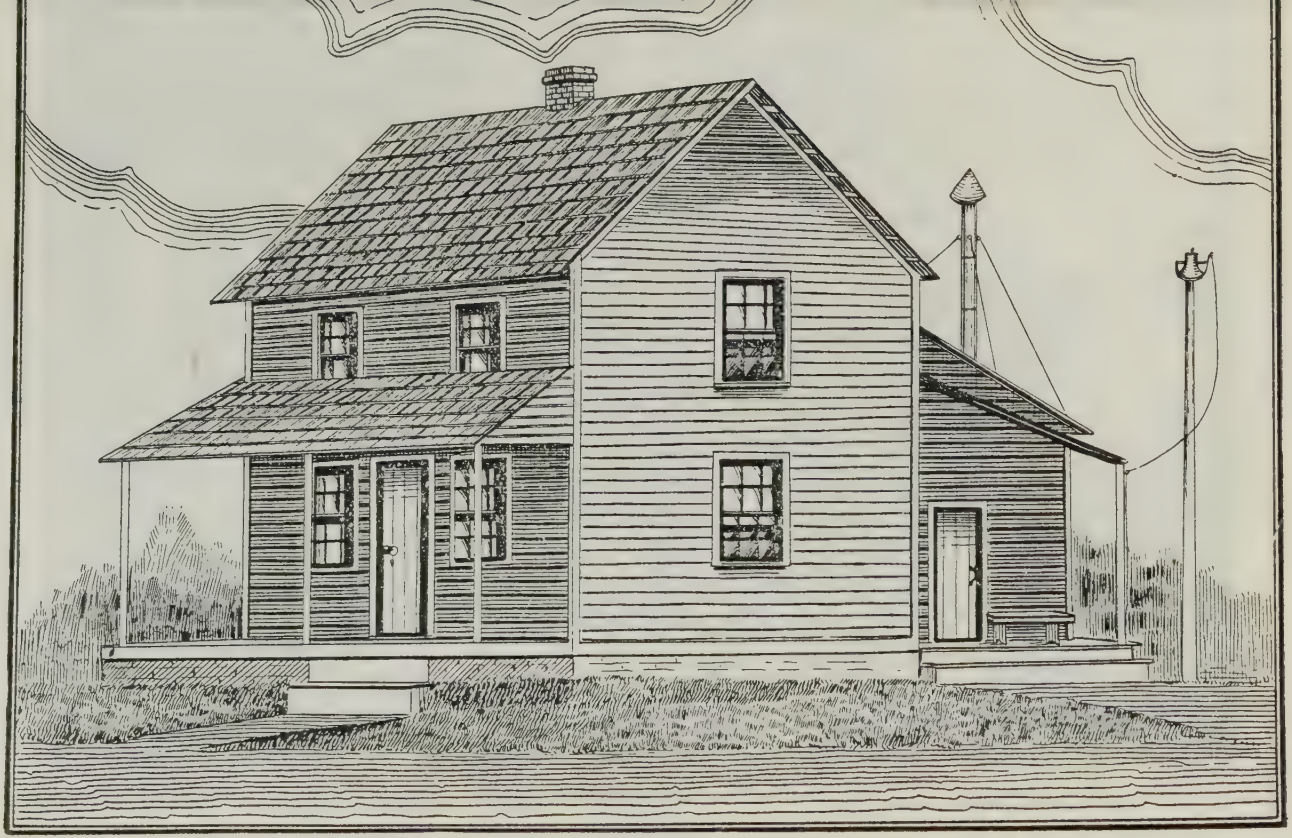

Log house sided up, home of B. B. Overmyer and family from 1865 to 1898

Reproduced from memory by J. C. Overmyer in 1905

Residence of B. B. Overmyer, Fremont, Ohio
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Residence of John C. Overmyer, Fremont, Ohio

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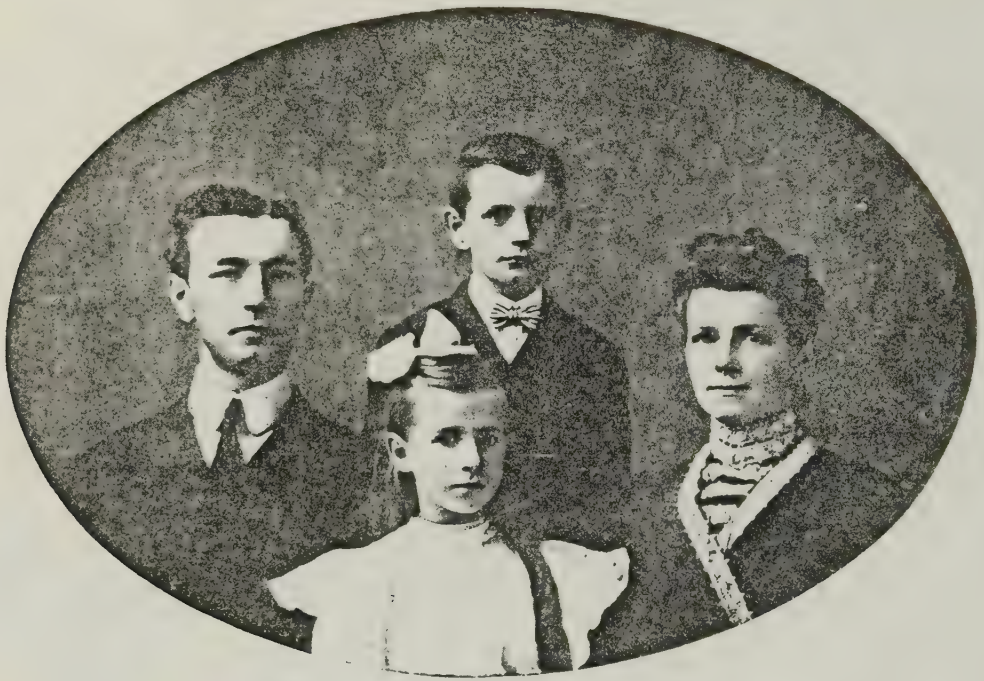

John C. Overmyer and Family
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ROBERT LUTHER (B. B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), third son and fourth child of Barnhart B. and Mary M. Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, May 24, 1877; was educated in the common schools of the community, and later at Lima college; teaching during the winter seasons for several years, and working on his father's farms during the summer, until 1901, when his health began to fail, being afflicted with Brights disease; he lingered until November 26, 1902, at 8:45 a. m., his spirit passed to him who gave it. He is buried at Four Mile cemetery.

OBITUARY FROM LOCAL PAPER.

Robert L. Overmyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Overmyer, died this (Wednesday) morning at 8:45 sun time, at the residence of his parents on West State street, aged 25 years, 3 months and two days.

"Rob," as he was commonly known, was afflicted with kidney trouble and diabetis a little over a year ago and had since suffered with a complication of diseases which developed into stomach trouble from which be could not recover. He was an exemplary young man in every respect; to know him was to love him and admire his manly qualities and quiet and gentle disposition.

He always resided with his parents and formerly was a student at Lima college and for several years taught school in Washington township.

During his recent illness he was patient and hopeful and bore his affliction with christian fortitude, having been up and about the house until Tuesday evening.

He leaves besides his sorrowing parents one sister and three brothers, namely, Emma, wife of C. P. Auxter, Frank and John C. of this city and Arthur W. who is a student at the University at Ada, Ohio, and numerous relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at the Salem Luthern church Four-mile house, Friday at 10 a. m., conducted by Rev. Bowman and Althoff. There will be a special car on the Lake Shore Electric following the 9:30 a. m. car on Friday, for the benefit of those wishing to attend the funeral.

ARTHUR WARREN (Barnhart B.; Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), was born May 31, 1879, at the home of his parents in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, a few miles northeast of Lindsey. He attended the common schools until the winter of 1894-5, when he attended High school at Lindsey, of which his brother John C. was then superintendent.

In the spring of 1895, being then not yet 16 years of age, he passed the teacher's examination in Sandusky county, and in the fall of that year he, with his brother Robert, attended a term of school at Lima college and that winter taught his first term of school in district No. 10, Washington township.

During the succeeding seven years he taught school during the winter months and in the fall of 1896, the spring and fall of 1897, and the spring of 1898 he attended Lima college, taking a part of the Literary course. During two terms of school at Lima he was president of the Columbian Literary Society, the only society then in the college. In the fall of 1897, during the campaign of Hon. Horace L. Chapman for Governor, Mr. Overmyer, at the solicitation of the Allen county Bi-Metallic league, made several campaign speeches in that county, one in the assembly-room of the court house at Lima.

In the fall of 1899 he entered the law department of the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1902, and was admitted to the bar at Columbus in December of that year.

While in college at Ada he was a member of Company B of the O. N. U. Cadet Battalion and was a sergeant during the summer of 1902.

He was also a member of the Philomathean Literary Society of the college and served as its critic and later as president.

After his admission to the bar he at once located in his home town of Fremont, Ohio, and began the general practice of law. In February, 1903, he was elected secretary of the Sandusky County Fair Association and was re-elected in 1904 and again in 1905.

In August, 1904, he formed a partnership for the practice of law with Capt. E. C. Sayles of Fremont, which partnership, under the firm name of Sayles & Overmyer is enjoying a good practice.

Mr. Overmyer was baptized in infancy by Rev. H. Lang, and later was confirmed a member of the Lutheran church by Rev. W. A. Bowman, of Fremont. In politics he is a Democrat and takes an active interest in every campaign by speaking throughout the county in support of the Democratic ticket.

On June 17, 1903, he was married at Ada, Ohio, by Rev. L. A. Belt, D. D., president of the O. N. U., to Miss Nina Zeldon Preston, whom he had met while in college there the previous year. She is the only daughter of Robert L. and Elizabeth A. (Branstretter) Preston, and comes from one of the oldest families in Hardin county. She was born June 28, 1881, five miles south of Ada, and attended the common schools and later entered the music department of the Ohio Northern University at Ada, of which department her uncle, Prof. Owens, was instructor.

In the spring of 1902 she moved with her parents to Ada and soon thereafter met her future husband.

They reside at Fremont, Ohio, and have one child,

Richard Preston, born December 18, 1904.

SAMUEL B. (Geo. L.; Jno. M.; J. G.), seventh son and twelfth child of Geo. L. and May (Bowman) Overmyer, was born in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, one mile east of Lindsey, October 6, 1842; attended the common schools of the township and assisted his father farming until October 17, 1861; that day he enlisted as a private in Company C, 72nd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was assigned to the second brigade, second division, 15th army corps. During three years, less ten days, he served in the army and shared with his regiment the hardships of the march and the dangers of their encounters with the enemy, participating in the battles of Pittsburg Landing or Shiloh Church, Corinth, Vicksburg, Jackson, Tupelo, and at the disastrous and disgraceful encounter with the enemy at Guntown, Mississippi. He was captured with many others June 12, 1864, and confined in Andersonville Prison for some time, and was then removed to Savannah, Georgia. Here he died in prison October 9, 1864, and is buried in an unknown grave. Was never married. His brother, Barnhart B., has erected a suitable monument to his memory in the family

lot at Four Mile cemetery, though his body is buried near Savannah, Georgia.

CATHARINE (Jno. M.; J. G.), first daughter of John M. and Catharine (Long) Overmire, was born in Longstown (now New Berlin), Union county, Pa., June 4, 1799. Was educated mostly by her parents and in the German language, and came with her parents to Perry county, Ohio, in 1811, where she grew to womanhood, and on May 19, 1818, married John Kuns, son of Jacob Kuns, born in Center county, Pa., December 31, 1793; resided in Perry county, Ohio, until 1836, then with their family moved to Lower Sandusky, now Fremont, Ohio, and moved in with her parents. Her husband had become an invalid, so her sons, Samuel and John, farmed her father's farm. Her husband, John Kuns, died October 25, 1845. She with her sons remained with her parents during the remaining years. She died Nov. 5, 1874, and is buried beside her husband in Four Mile cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and had the following children:

Salome, born June 18, 1819, died in infancy.

Catharine, born May 17, 1821; married John Henricks; died 1881.

Samuel, born February 22, 1823; first married Mary Swarm; she died, then he married Susan (Auxter) Bruner; reside at old John M. Overmyer homestead, four miles west of Fremont, O.

John, born January 4, 1827, married Hannah Sebring; reside near Fremont, O.

Elizabeth, born June 5, 1830, married Jonah Henricks, died 1894.

MICHAEL (John M.; J. G.), was born September 5, 1801, at Longstown (now New Berlin), Union county, Pa. He came with his parents to Perry county, Ohio, in 1811, by way of Maryland and Virginia, crossing the Ohio River near Wheeling, and thence through the forest to Perry county, Ohio, and followed farming. Here he married Esther Hammer, April 29, 1823. She was a daughter of Jacob Hammer and Elizabeth (Geisen) Hammer, of Fairfield county, Ohio, and was born December 24, 1804. They moved to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1827, and settled in

the forest about five miles northwest of Lower Sandusky (on what is now called the George Waggoner farm), on Little Mud Creek, on the line of the L. S. & M. S. railroad. From this place, he moved to near Hessville, on the Western Reserve and Maumee turnpike, which country was then a wilderness, and in which only Indians roamed. Here he put up a log cabin with round logs and clapboard roofs and mud chimney, and began making and clearing up a farm with good prospects of success. Among other trials of pioneer life, he was obliged to lose his farm on account of having bailed his brother Samuel, who carried on a dry goods store at Lower Sandusky, and failed in business.

Michael Overmyer decided to leave Sandusky county, on account of his bad luck here, and try his fortunes elsewhere. He took his team of fine horses and drove to Indiana, where he sold them at a high price and on his return, stopped at the land office at Defiance, Ohio, and bought 120 acres of canal land in Henry county, at $1.01 per acre. He moved to this farm in Washington township, Henry county, in 1848, and settled about five miles west of Texas, where he remained the rest of his life. By hard labor, he cleared up his farm, put up a hewed log house and a frame barn, with clapboard roofs, and inclosed his cleared land with rail fences. He died at the age of 56, and is buried in the Union cemetery, Washington township, Henry county, Ohio. His wife survived him about 29 years. She is buried at Lindsey, Ohio. They were members of the Lutheran Church and had the following children:

Elizabeth, born January 21, 1824.
Catherine, born January 1, 1825.
Samuel, born December 27, 1826.
John, born ———, died in childhood.
Hiram, born October 22, 1830.
Michael, born July 2, 1832.
Solomon, born May 30, 1834.
Noah, born February 5, 1836.
Rachael, born October 2, 1838.
Stilwell, born August 8, 1840, died in childhood.
Sarah, born April 1, 1843.

ELIZABETH (Michael; Jno. M.; J. G.), first child of Michael and Esther (Hammer) Overmyer, was born near Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, January 21, 1824, and came with her parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1827. In 1843 she married Henry Overmyer, first son of (William; Phillip; J. G.)—for children see his sketch. After he died she married Robert Ramsey. They had no children; moved to Indiana, died, and are buried there.

CATHARINE (Michael; Jno. M.; J. G.), second child of Michael and Esther (Hammer) Overmyer, was born near Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, January 1, 1825. Came with her parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1827. In 1845 she married Christian Foster, son of Henry Foster. He was a carpenter. They resided in Hessville, O., but soon his health began to fail and they moved to New Haven, Ohio, for medical treatment, where he died, leaving the widow and the following children:

Mahala, born May 8, 1846, married Isaiah Overmyer (Wm.; Phillip; J. G.).

Calista, married Frederick Stine.

Lavina, married Louis W. Overmyer (Wm.; Phillip; J. G.). Catharine then married William Dahm, a laborer; lived in her residence in Hessville, Ohio; had one child, William Dahm; disagreed and parted, procured a divorce, and married John Foster, a widower, and brother of her first husband; had one child, Solomon. They resided on the old John Foster homestead, where they both died, and are buried at Four Mile cemetery.

SAMUEL (Michael; Jno. M.; J. G.), third child and first son of Michael and Esther (Hammer) Overmyer, was born in Thorn township, Perry county, Ohio, December 27, 1826. Came with his parents to Sandusky county, received a very limited education as opportunities were very poor at that early day in the forests of the Black Swamp, as the new country was then called. Went with his parents to Henry county, Ohio, in 1848. Several years later he returned to Sandusky county, then went to Summit county, and on September 15, 1854, was married at Greensburg, Summit county, O., to Christena Sechrist, daughter of Abraham Sechrist, born at Clinton, Summit county, O., Octo-

ber 4, 1832. He was a laborer and farmer; belonged to the Reformed church, and had the following children:

Erwin E, born January, 1855, died in infancy.
Levi C, born January 23, 1858.
Henry F., born July 27, 1860.
Abraham S., born December 10, 1862.
Clara A., born July, 1864, died August, 1864.
Mary E, born August 2, 1865, married a Mr. Sell.
Emma M, born February 10, 1868, resides at Clinton, O.
Amanda E., born April 20, 1872, resides at 119 Howard St., Akron, O.
Edna I, born September 12, 1878, died in infancy.
He died November 9, 1884.

LEVI CURTICE (Samuel; Michael; Jno. M.; J. G.), second son of Samuel and Christena (Sechrist) Overmyer, was born in Franklin township, Summit county, Ohio, January 23, 1858. Was educated in the common schools of the county, and on September 16, 1890, married Annie Ellis, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Ellis, born in Wales, Great Britain, March 24, 1870. They are members of the U. B. Church, he a Prohibitionist, a salesman in M. O. Neal's dry goods store in Akron, Ohio, and they reside at No. 308 Second St. Children:

Zulu Grace, born February 18, 1892.
Eva E., born March 7, 1894.

HENRY FRANKLIN (Samuel; Michael; Jno. M.; J. G.), third child of Samuel and Christena Overmyer, was born near Clinton, Summit county, Ohio, July 27, 1860; was educated in the common schools of the community, and on January 15, 1885, near Clinton, Ohio, married Adah V. Spangler, daughter of John and Amanda Spangler, born April 2, 1863. They belong to the U. B. Church. He is a Republican, a member of the K. O. T. M. society, is baggage master at Millersburg, Holmes county, Ohio, where they reside. Children:

Elry B., born October 3, 1885.
Ethel M., born May 12, 1890.
Harry E., born September 18, 1891.

ABRAHAM SAMUEL (Samuel; Michael; Jno M.; J. G.), fourth son of Samuel and Christena Overmyer, was born in Summit county, Ohio, December 10, 1862; was educated in the common schools of the county, and on April 13, 1886, at her father's home, near Clinton, Ohio, married Lucy Snyder, daughter of Isaac and Barbara Snyder, born September 24th, 1863. They are farmers, members of the Lutheran Church. He is a Democrat. They reside on a farm near Clinton, but their post-office address is West Mecca, Trumbull county, Ohio. Children:

Minnie, born April 17, 1887.

Melvin, born January 2, 1890.

HIRAM (Mich.; John M.; J. G.), fifth child of Michael and Esther (Hammer) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, October 22, 1830, and moved with his parents to Henry county, Ohio, in 1848. Received a very limited education. On April 30, 1853, near Napoleon, Henry county, Ohio, he married Malinda Amelia Carey, daughter of Edward and Susanna (Shafer) Carey, born in York, York county, Pa., February 16, 1834. He was employed on the Wabash and Toledo canal for a number of years, but later moved near Antwerp, Paulding county, Ohio, on a farm, where he resided until death. At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted as a private, and was a member of the 68th Reg., O. V. I., and his term of service began in 1861 and was honorably discharged in 1864.

He was a member of the G. A. R., of the U. B. Church, a Democrat, since the war a farmer, and had the following children:

Orlando D., born December 13, 1854.

Emma L., born December 16, 1856, died January 15, 1857.

George E., born January 24, 1858.

Edward L., born March 3, 1860.

Hiram A., born February 5, 1862.

Ulyssus S. G., born March 25, 1864.

Adella M., born April 24, 1868, married a Mr. Smith.

Charles F., born August 4, 1872.

Ida D. and Eda B., twins, born October 17, 1876, died September 10 and 20, 1877.

Cora A., born July 29, 1883.

Mr. Overmyer died September 13, 1899, and is buried in Deihl cemetery, Maumee township, Allen county, Indiana.

ORLANDO DEVAULSON (Hiram; Michael; John M.; J. G.), first son of Hiram and Malinda A. (Carey) Overmyer, was born December 13, 1854, in Henry county, Ohio; was educated in the schools of Henry and Fulton counties, and on December 23, 1874, married Ellen Stevens, daughter of Lycurgus and Emily (McIntyer) Stevens, born in Huron county, Ohio, October 27, 1857. They reside in Harrison township, Paulding county, Ohio. He is a Democrat, a farmer and carpenter, and they have the following children:

Clarence Emerson, born August 16, 1875.
Emily Amelia, born September 18, 1878.

GEORGE E. (Hiram; Michael; John M.; J. G.), third child of Hiram and Malinda A. (Carey) Overmyer, was born in Henry county, O., January 24, 1858. Received a common school education and on October 2, 1882, in Harrison township, Paulding county, O., married Abbie Applegate, daughter of Henry and Mary (Swisher) Applegate, born in Maumee township, Allen county, Ind., Oct. 9, 1863. They are farmers and reside in Allen county, Ind., and have the following children:

Ida May, born February 25, 1884.
Bertha Dell, born September 26, 1885.
Henry Eugene, born December 17, 1886.
Ethel Leah, born August 9, 1888.

EDWARD L. (Hiram; Michael; John M.; J. G.), fourth child of Hiram and Malinda A. (Carey) Overmyer, was born March 3, 1860, in Henry county, O. Received a common school education and on December 24, 1887, in Coryall township, Paulding county, O., married Eliza J. Smith, daughter of Andrew J. and Catharine (Boyer) Smith. He is a member of I. O. O. F. a farmer, and with this union had two children:

Fay Ola, born October 17, 1888.
Bessie Fern, born March 22, 1890.

This wife died February 18, 1894; is buried in Deihl cemetery, Allen county, Ind.

Second marriage, February 14, 1900, to Mary L. Lutz, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Haney) Lutz, born in Paulding county, O., June 9, 1870.

HIRAM ALVESTUS (Hiram; Michael; John M.; J. G.), fifth child of Hiram and Malinda A. (Carey) Overmyer, was born in Henry county, O., February 5, 1862. Moved with his parents to Paulding county, O., where he attended the common schools ond worked on his father's farm, and on February 10, 1883, at Fort Wayne, Ind., married Phianna Swisher, daughter of John M. and Eliza (Husted) Swisher, born June 7, 1864. He is a member of I. O. O. F., a democrat and farmer and resides near Antwerp, Paulding county, O. Children:

Clyde E., born September 2, 1883.
Nellie E., born May 4, 1886.
Dora E., born June 19, 1887.
Erma J., born September 19, 1889.
Gertrude R., born November 1, 1893.
Una P., born September 9, 1894.
Nida L., born March 12, 1896.

ULYSES S. G. (Hiram; Michael; John M.; J. G.), sixth child of Hiram and Malinda A. (Carey) Overmyer, was born March 25, 1864, in Henry county, O. Moved with his parents to Paulding county, O., where he attended the common schools to some extent, and assisted in general work of the vicinity until August 18, 1892. On that day in Maumee township, Allen county, Ind., married Maggie A. Doctor, daughter of Nathan C. and Essa (Ashley) Doctor, born at Fort Wayne, Ind., March 29, 1871. They reside near Antwerp, Paulding county, O.; are farmers, a democrat, and have the following children:

Infant, born October 17, 1893; died October 24, 1893.
Floyd S., born April 26, 1895.
Henry C., born June 17, 1898.

CHARLES FRANKLIN (Hiram; Michael; John M.; J. G.), the sixth son and eighth child of Hiram and Malinda A. Overmyer, was born August 4, 1872, in Fulton county, O. Moved with his father to Paulding county county, O., there attended the common schools and worked on his father's farm.

On January 1, 1895, at Cedarville, Ind., married DeEtta Katura Lindemuth, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Nevinger) Lindermuth, born in Scipio township, Allen county., Ind., June 15, 1876. They are farmers; a democrat and reside near Antwerp. Paulding county, O. Children:

Alta Hester, born June 4, 1895.
Mamie Carmine, born November 21, 1897.
Lelah Ninetta, born October 23, 1899.

MICHAEL (Michael; John M.; J. G.), sixth child of Michael and Esther (Hammer) Overmyer, was born near Hessville, O., July 2, 1832; never enjoyed much of an opportunity for education; learned the carpenter's trade and was often employed to run the early or pioneer water-sawmills to saw building lumber, as was done by water power instead of steam as now. Was a member of the firm that erected the first steam sawmill at Lindsey, Ohio. In February, 1857, he was married by Probate Judge Bell, to Susan Overmyer, daughter of Jacob (Phillip; J. G.) He was a private in Co. K, 169th Reg., O. V. I., and received an honorable discharge in September, 1864. Are members of the Evangelical church; is a liberal republican. Children:

Amanda, born August 9, 1857.
Amos Norton, born August 21, 1859; died March 1, 1865.
Jacob Martin, born June 2, 1863; died January 29, 1865.
Lucas Marion, born December 22, 1865.
William F., born February 8, 1868.
Catharine, born July 17, 1872.
Erdine, born January 30, 1876.
Irwin, born April 4, 1879; died April 11, 1879.
Harry G., born April 2, 1884.

Susanna Overmyer died May 22, 1893. His second marriage occurred February 28, 1895, to Lena Woodard (Noss), daughter of Joseph and Catherine Noss. Have no children. They have moved from their farm to Lindsey, where they lead a retired life.

AMANDA (Michael Michael; John M.; J. G.), first child of Michael and Susanna Overmyer was born August 9, 1857, near Lindsey, O. Was educated in the common schools. Is a

member of the Evangelical church. On February 10, 1884, by Rev. Bernhart, married Jacob E. Diddia, son of Isaac and Mary (Gippel) Diddia, born near Millersburg, Dauphin county, Pa. January 9, 1857. He is a lumberman and sawyer. A member of I. O. O. F, a republican; reside at Lindsey, Ohio. Children:

John R., born September 18, 1884.
Susan, born March 26, 1886.
Clyde F., born October 10, 1887.

LUCAS M. (Michael; Michael; John M.; J. G.), fourth child of Michael and Susanna Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, December 22, 1865; worked on his father's farm and attended the schools of Lindsey and on October 2, 1889, married Ida M. Rearic, daughter of George L. and Sarah (Skinner) Rearic. Mrs. Overmyer died leaving one child, Ada A., born January 2, 1891. At Council Bluff, Iowa, on April 4, 1893, L. M. Overmyer married for his second wife, Eva V. Van Wormer, daughter of Lucious D. and Alice Van Wormer. He is a railway engineer, a republican, member of M. W. of A. of the Trinity M. E. church. They reside at No. 2318 South 7th street, Council Bluff, Iowa, and have the following children:

Ethel G., born December 30, 1893.
Lilah M., born June 26, 1900; died March 4, 1901.
Ella A., born February 2, 1903; died April 24, 1903.

WILLIAM F. (Michael; Michael; John M.; J. G.), fifth child of Michael and Susanna Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, February 8, 1868; received a limited education and was employed on his father's farm until he grew to manhood. On August 22, 1894, at Ballville, Ohio, he married Lillie B. Nesbitt daughter of James M. and Martha J. Nesbitt, born January 1, 1871. He is a railway section hand, a republican. They are members of the Evangelical church and reside at Lindsey. Children:

Lillie L., born November 23, 1896.
Mabel V., born April 14, 1898.

CATHARINE. (Michael; Michael; John M.; J. G.), sixth child of Michael and Susanna Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, July 17, 1872; was educated at the Lindsey schools.

On September 6, 1893, married Charles Vining, son of Calvin and Harriet Vining, born at Sandusky, Ohio, March 2, 1862. He is in the stave manufacturing business; reside at Lindsey, Ohio. One child:

Charles Russel, born August 24, 1895.

ERDINE (Michael; Michael; John M.; J. G.), seventh child of Michael and Susanna Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, January 30, 1876; attended the Lindsey schools, and on May 9, 1898, at Lindsey, Ohio, married George Woodward, son of George and Lena (Noss) Woodward, born April 17, 1873. They are farmers; he a democrat, and reside near Lindsey. One child.

Lulu May, born November 7, 1898.

SOLOMON (Michael; John M.; J. G.), seventh child of Michael and Esther (Hammer) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, near Hessville, Ohio, May 30, 1834; received a very limited education; went with his parents to Henry county, Ohio in 1848, where he assisted his father in clearing up a farm. In 1854, he returned to Sandusky county and learned the carpenter trade. On January 27, 1856, at Hessville, Ohio, by John Beery J. P., married Mary Overmyer, daughter of Jacob (Phillip; J. G.), born April 23, 1838; moved into a log house formerly occupied by Phillip Overmyer, Sr. son of J. G., where they resided and farmed for Jacob Overmyer, until 1865, when he with his brother Michael and William Boyer, erected the first steam sawmill at Lindsey, Ohio, then he moved to Lindsey and resided there until his death. For years he operated a threshing machine, then assisted at the steam saw mill which they sold later to Beery & Davis. Was a member of Company K., 169th Regiment, O. V. I., but hired Roman Binkley as his substitute when drafted into the service; was a republican. Both were members of the Evangelical church, and have the following children:

Catharine, born May 9, 1857.

Jacob, born April 4, 1860.

Allen W., born February 28, 1861.

Chester, born January 28, 1862; died September 17, 1862.

Ira, born July 3, 1864; died May, 1873.

Sarah E., born March 7, 1875 is a dressmaker and resides at Lindsey, Ohio.

Phillip A., born May 1, 1877.

George N., born October 28, 1880.

Mrs. Mary Overmyer, died June 28, 1896, and is buried at Lindsey new cemetery.

Solomon Overmyer, married second wife, Mrs. Caroline Boyer, September 28, 1879, had no children with this wife; he died March 10, 1903, is buried at new cemetery, Lindsey, Ohio.

CATHARINE (Solomon Michael; John M.; J. G.), first child of Solomon and Mary Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio; educated in the common schools and on December 30, 1879, at Elmore, Ohio, by Rev. Althoff, married Israel Hetrick, son of Daniel and Mary (Seigenthaler) Hetrick, born in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio, October 20, 1857; they reside in Lindsey, Ohio. Children:

Mary E., born May 24, 1880.

Dora May, born January 27, 1885.

Fred DeWilton, born October 11, 1892.

JACOB (Solomon; Michael; John M.; J. G.), second child and first son of Solomon and Mary Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, Ohio, April 4, 1860; was educated in the common schools, and served as a general laborer for his father and his uncle Amos Overmyer. December 30, 1880, married Sarah A. Heinrich, daughter of Christian and Mary (Strawhecker) Heinrich, who come from Germany; born in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio, March 22, 1862. They are members of the Evangelical church; are farmers; reside in Harris township, Ottawa county, Ohio, three miles north of Lindsey. Children:

Ira Solomon, born June 27, 1883.

Newton C., born September 15, 1884.

Nelson B., born June 6, 1886.

ALLEN W. (Sol, Mich.; Jno. M.; J. G.), second son of Solomon and Mary Overmyer, was born near Lindsey, O., February 28, 1861; was educated in the common schools of the vicinity and later took a teacher's course at Ohio Normal Uni-

versity at Ada, O.; taught school several years; was then employed as clerk in Overmyer Bros'. store and later clerked in a drug store at Oak Harbor, O.; September 27, 1883, at Fremont, O., by Rev. Henry Lang, he married Laura Louisa Depp, daughter of Christian and Rebecca (Babione) Depp. He is a member of the Evangelical church; a republican and has held various offices of trust in the village; as school board, being its treasurer twelve years, also village treasurer. In 1885 he bought the hardware store of H. J. Kramb, and has since erected a fine brick building in which he conducts a fine trade in the hardware line, and has a fine residence near the store where they enjoy life and business to the fullest extent. Children:

Lavina, born July 11, 1884.

Oliver A., born August 23, 1887.

LAVINA (W. A.; Solomon; Michael; John M.; J. G.), first child of Allen W. and Laura L. (Depp) Overmyer, was born at Lindsey, Ohio, July 11, 1884, and on December 29, 1903, married Clarence T. Gahn, son of Charles and Christena (Stull) Gahn, born June 25, 1877, and graduated in commercial course at Ada, Ohio, in 1903; taught school 8 years. They reside at Lindsey, Ohio, and have one child:

Laura Christena, born March 31, 1905.

PHILLIP A. (Solomon; Michael; John M.; J. G.), seventh child of Solomon and Mary Overmyer, was born at Lindsey, May 1, 1877; attended the Lindsey schools and later the business college at Fremont, Ohio. Taught school 6 years; was appointed United States Postal Clerk in 1902, and runs on the Lake Shore railway from Cleveland to Chicago, and has an interest in the Boyer Tile yard.

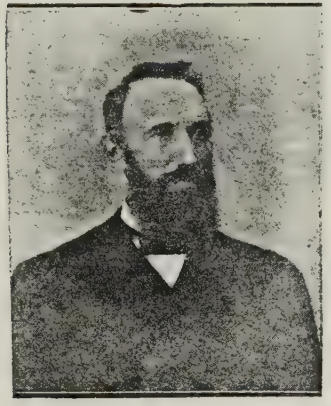
GEORGE N. (Solomon; Michael; John M.; J. G.), eighth child of Solomon and Mary Overmyer, was born at Lindsey, Ohio, October 28, 1880; was educated in the Lindsey schools; taught school 5 terms; was also appointed United States Postal Clerk in August, 1902, and ran from Cleveland to Chicago, until June, 1905, then resigned and with his brother Phillip A. and sister Sarah, resides at Lindsey, Ohio.

NOAH (Michael; John M.; J. G.), eighth child and sixth son of Michael and Esther (Hammer) Overmyer, was born near Hessville, Ohio, February 5, 1836; received a fair education; moved with his parents to Henry county, Ohio, and assisted in clearing up a farm; later employed on the Wabash railway; then married Theresa Eversole; then moved to Marysville, Missouri, where he was employed on the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific railway; later appointed road master on said line and moved to Council Bluff, Iowa, where they resided for some time, then again moved to Marysville, Missouri, where they reside. They have two sons:

Jacob, born——, farmer, Marysville, Missouri.
———, stenographer, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

RACHAEL (Michael; John M.; J. G.), ninth child of Michael and Esther Overmyer, was born near Hessville, Ohio, October 2, 1838; went with her parents to Henry county, Ohio, but later returned and married Daniel Burket of Lindsey, Ohio. After a few years they moved to Pulaski county, Indiana where they engaged in farming, until he died, leaving children, Evannah and Amelia, twins; Catharine, Allen, and Aaron; then she married George Burket a widower, brother of her former husband. They continued farming until he died, leaving the following children: Carry, Richard, George, Schuyler, Maud, Dwight and Gertrude.

SARAH (Michael; John M.; J. G.), eleventh child of Michael and Esther Overmyer, was born near Hessville, Ohio, April 1, 1843; moved with her parents to Henry county, Ohio; attended the common schools there, but later returned to Lindsey, Ohio, where she married Joseph Overmyer, son of George (Phillip; J. G.), December, 1860; he died October 18, 1863, leaving one child, Clarence, see Joseph line of Phillip (J. G.) In November, 1864, she married Waldo O. Kelley and moved to Hessville, Ohio. He enlisted and went to the war; never returned. In 1872 she married Samuel Earnst, son of John and Elizabeth Earnst, a shoemaker, and died Decmeber 19, 1898, at Lindsey, Ohio. She has since married Arthur Tricket, a barber and resides at 504 Jerome street, Monroe, Michigan.



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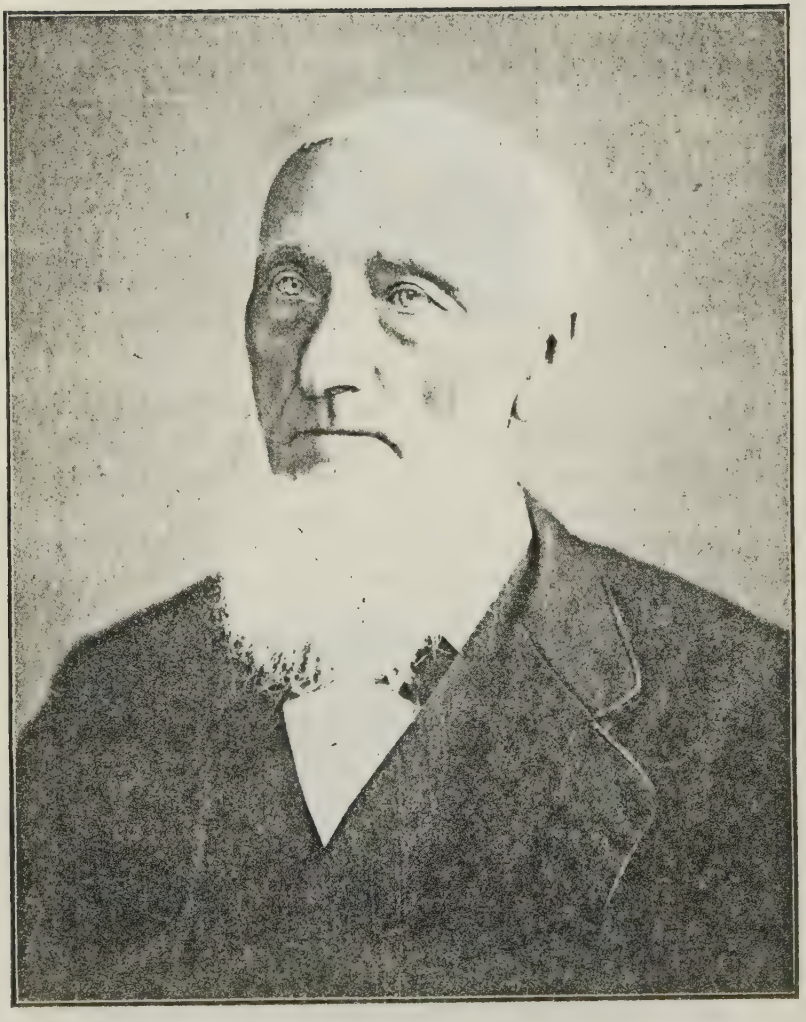

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SUSAN (John M.; J. G.), fourth child of John M. and Catharine (Long) Overmyer, was born in New Berlin, Union county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1804; came with her parents from Pennsylvania to Perry county, Ohio, in 1811, where she grew to womanhood, and in 1821 married Jonathan Kessler, born in Pennsylvania, February 2, 1797. They moved from Perry county to Sandusky county, Ohio in 1832, where they resided until death. She died December 31, 1840, and Mr. Kessler, October 10, 1880; are buried at Four Mile cemetery. Children.

Catharine, born 1822; married John Waggoner.

John, born October 3, 1824; married Catharine Hensel; died April 16, 1894.

Barbara, born May 25, 1827; married Stephen Newcomer, December 31, 1846; died June 16, 1901; is buried at Oakwood cemetery.

Susan, born February 18, 1829; married William Saam; died September 12, 1895.

Noah, born July 31, 1831; married Sarah Hensel.

Sarah, born June 15, 1833.

Lavina, married Christian Binkly.

Elizabeth, died in childhood.

Benjamin F., born August 7, 1838; married Caroline Reed.

JOHN (John M.; J. G.), fifth child of John M. and Catharine (Long), Overmyer, was born in Northumberland, (now Union) county, Pennsylvania, at Longstown (now New Berlin), December 24, 1806. At the age of five years he came with his parents to what is now Somerset, Thorn township, Perry county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood on a farm and attended German and English country schools. He afterwards taught school in his neighborhood. His father John M. Overmyer, was a farmer and a cabinet maker, and was assisted by his sons in both these occupations. John Overmyer also worked in a tannery several years for his brother-in-law, Jonathan Kessler. He was for seven years a member and part of the time an officer of an Independent Militia Rifle company, at Somerset, and drilled seven days of each year with said company. He always took great interest and pride in military drills. His height was

nearly six feet. He was compactly built, broad shouldered and deep chested, always walked erect, and weighed during his mature manhood about 200 pounds. He was of a mild and peaceable disposition, but firm and resolute in what he considered matters of duty. He was a natural athlete and delighted in wrestling and foot-racing, but he never would tolerate any profanity, vulgarity or indecent language in his presence. He was a careful and observing reader of the Bible and such law books and newspapers as were to be had in those days. He kept himself well posted and up to date, generally. At the age of seventeen he became a member of the German Lutheran church and continued in the same during life, serving as elder and deacon at intervals. He was very punctual in his attendance at the services of the German Lutheran Reformed and the German Dunkard churches, and never indulged in what he considered Sabbath breaking. Being naturally fond of music he improved his opportunities of culture in that direction and became noted as a teacher of country singing schools, and in connection with military parades he excelled as a drummer. In the latter he took great delight.

In the spring of 1832, he came with his parents from Perry to Sandusky county, Ohio, driving a four-horse team loaded with household goods. The family settled in the forest about 4 miles west of Lower Sandusky, now Fremont, on the north side of the Western Reserve and Maumee pike, on what is known as the Samuel Kuns farm.

The Seneca and Wyandot Indians were then quite numerous, but were friendly with the whites. Here for several years John Overmyer helped his father clear up his farm. On May 5, 1833, he married Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Huffer) Hendricks, born July 29, 1814, and soon after moved on his own farm, about five and a half miles west of Lower Sandusky, on what is now the Samuel Fought farm. Here he put up a log cabin on the banks of Stag Run or Little Mud Creek in pioneer style, and later a hewed log house with clapboard roof and a chimney built of wood lath and clay mortar. He spent sixteen toilsome years in clearing up this farm, but afterwards lost it by bailing a friend and paying bail money.

He and his family lived chiefly on corn bread and wild game and wore home spun clothing. His wife was an excellent weaver on a hand loom. He served as constable of Washington township during the years of 1842-3-4, and assisted at the recapture of an Englishman named George Thompson at Woodville, Ohio, who had escaped from the jail at Lower Sandusky, where he had been confined awaiting trial for the murder of a German servant girl at Bellevue, Ohio, Miss Catharine Hamler. Mr. Overmyer afterwards served as bailiff at the Court House on the trial of Mr. Thompson, and was present when said criminal was hung at Lower Sandusky.

In 1847 during the raising of troops for the Mexican war, Mr. Overmyer went as drummer boy with the recruits from Lower Sandusky to Perrysburg, Ohio, who went in teams along the Western Reserve and Maumee Pike.

In the spring of 1849, Mr. Overmyer moved to Washington township, Henry county, Ohio, upon a tract of school lands, (Sec. 16), one mile north of Washington station, now Colton, on a tract partly improved. His family occupied a round log cabin in the woods on the banks of Bad Creek. This tract had been leased from the State of Ohio by Abraham Snyder, a cousin of Mrs. John Overmyer. Mr. Snyder was from what is now West Virginia, near Martinsburg, in Berkly county. He became well known in Sandusky and Henry counties as a great deer hunter. He made his home three years with the family of John Overmyer, and supplied them and their neighbors with plenty of game, some of which was hauled from the woods by Mr. Overmyer with an ox team.

Amid the other trials of pioneer life the family were afflicted with the "Maumee Shakes" or the "Black Swamp Ague" every summer, which scorched them with fever and chilled them by turns until it made their teeth chatter. Not far from this residence was an old Indian Graveyard which was often visited in the summer seasons by Indians who after other ceremonies covered the mounds with bark peeled from trees. While residing here Mr. Overmyer found time to clear up a spot of ground and build a house, 20x28 feet, on section 17, canal land in Washington township, which he had previously entered from the gov-

ernment. This was two and one-half miles west of Colton. That house is still standing to this day, February 2, 1900, and is the only landmark remaining of these early pioneers.

Mr. Overmyer held offices of honor and trust, in Washington township, among which were those of trustee, supervisor and juror. He was drawn as a juror in 1880, in the great Scott-Drury murder case at Napoleon, Ohio, but was released on account of his age.

Mr. Overmyer lived in Henry county for forty years. His wife, Sarah died January 15, 1862, and left him to care for the family. His older daughters were now married and gone from home leaving him only his youngest daughter, Rebecca, to keep house for him.

In 1865, he quit house-keeping and went to live with his brother-in-law, Jacob Hendricks, until the fall of 1866 when his son Samuel married, and bought and moved upon the old homestead in section 17. Here he spent the last years of his life in retirement, and died May 10, 1889. He was buried in Union cemetery beside his wife who had preceded him 27 years. They had the following children:

Elizabeth, born November 22, 1834; died May 3, 1853.

Catharine, born November 10, 1836.

Philamon, born April 23, 1838.

Sarah, born May 23, 1840; died November 10, 1860.

Samuel, born May 7, 1842.

Harriet, born October 12, 1844; married J. J. Hiser, moved to Dennison, Texas.

John H., born October 8, 1848.

Rebecca, born November 11, 1851.

Jacob, born July 24, 1854.

Benjamin F., born October 2, 1857.

Obituary notice copied from "The Democratic Northwest" of Napoleon, Ohio, dated May 23, 1889.

OBITUARY.

OVERMYER.—One more of the old pioneers of Henry county has been laid to rest. John Overmyer, of Washington township, Henry county, Ohio, was born December 24, 1806, in Union

county, Pennsylvania; died May 10, 1889, aged 82 years, 4 months and 16 days.

We have been acquainted with Uncle John, as he was usually called, for a number of years and have found him to be a man of sterling worth; he was respected by his neighbors, and was a general favorite with both old and young, which was proven by the large concourse of people who were in attendance at his funeral. There were 59 teams that joined the solenm procession and followed the old pioneer to his resting place by the side of his wife of his youth in the Union cemetery, to await the summons from on high. Funeral services conducted by the writer of this notice at the spacious residence of his son Samuel who owns the old homestead. REV. GEO. MILLER.

To this Uncle John the Overmyer decedents are in a great measure, indebted for this the first volume of the Overmyer history and geneology By his aid and suggestions the beginning was made tthe first data recorded which finally materalized into what we have in the present volume.

THE WRITER, B. B. O.

Narrative of John Overmyer taken by Homer Everett at home, Fremont, June 27, 1880. Mr. Overmyer came to Washington township, Sandusky county with his father, John M. Overmyer, in May, 1832. They settled on a tract of land opposite the four mile house, west of Fremont, on the W. R. & M. Turnpike, which was then a mud road. Mr. Overmyer was born at Longtown, (now New Berlin), Northumberland county (now Union), Pennsylvania, December 24, 1806. After settling in Sandusky county, Mr. Overmyer married Sarah Hendricks a daughter of Jacob Hendricks, of Washington township, who raised a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters. He moved in April, 1849, with his family to Henry county, Ohio. (Washington township.) Mr. Overmyer's parents both died on the farm on which they both settled.

Of the inhabitants of Washington township in Sandusky county, when Mr. Overmyer first came he remembers Jacob Hendricks, Geo. Hedrick, Jacob Newcomer, John Anderson, Joseph Reed, James Rose, Mathias Orndorf, Henry Meyer,

brother-in-law to Orndorf. John Macklin who then kept tavern at Big Mud Creek on the Pike. Nathan Robbins, Daniel Kuhn Daniel, Hendricks, Daniel Upp, Henry Foster, George Waggoner.

The cleared farms were very few in the township. We could not raise wheat, it would grow to rank straw without grain. It shrunk and was not good for anything. We could raise corn very well. Overmyer says that three or four years after he came he paid George Grant at Birchard & Dickinson's store one dollar a bushel for corn. It was very scarce that year, from a wet season. I can not now remember, said he, a framed house then in Washington township. The best and wealthiest inhabitants lived in log cabins. There was not a grist or saw mill in the township. Then the turnpike in wet weather was almost impassable and the by-roads were still worse. The prevailing disease was chill and fever. Oxen were used as a general thing for all team work by the inhabitants. Our holidays were the 4th of July and Militia training. For about two weeks in the early spring it was for several years the custom to do little but attend logging bees. The men would meet at a neighbor's chopping, divide hands, choose each side a captain, and then such a handling and piling of logs would astonish the inhabitants now. Whiskey was cheap and plenty and we used it freely, and it helped much to move the logs. The men would lift and be on the strain, and joke and be merry all day without complaint, and the next day do the same thing for another neighbor. It must be remembered too, that we were in the Black Swamp, and half the time working and travelling in the water.

The early settlers of Washington townshiy, Sandusky county, were nearly all from Pennsylvania and from Perry county, Ohio, and vicinity; chiefly from Perry county. As I came out here on a visit the other day I saw Washington township with another face on; now she abounds in fine farms of the richest lands, fine houses and barns, and her people are wealthy and happy. Little do they know of the modes of life and labors of the early settlers.

CATHARINE (John; John M.; J. G.), second child of John and Sarah (Henricks) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, November 10, 1836; attended the common schools of the vicinity and later moved with her parents to Henry county, Ohio. On February 2, 1857, at Toledo, she married John H. Myers, born in Germany. They are members of the Presbyterian church; she of the Ladies' Aid Society. They reside at McComb, Hancock County, Ohio. Children:

George F., born November 13, 1857.
Sarah E., born November 13, 1859.
John H., born April 4, 1862.
Ettie M., born September 17, 1867; died July 20, 1879.
Bertha, born February 14, 1874.

Mrs. Henry Myers, died September 16, 1902 and buried at Liberty Center, Ohio.

PHILAMON (John; John M.; J. G.), third child of John and Sarah (Henricks) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, April 23, 1838; attended the common schools of Sandusky and Henry counties until he grew to manhood; then was employed as a section hand on the Wabash railway at Colton, Ohio where he had his leg nearly cut off by a scythe, which was on the hand-car which he helped to propel by crank appliance. Afterwards was made foreman of track work at New Haven, Indiana, for several years, then conducted a grocery store in New Haven, where he enlisted and was employed by the government as track repairer on the railroads in Tennessee, where in 1864, he was captured by Hoods army and confined to prison which was the last ever heard of him by his friends.

In January, 1861, at New Haven, Indiana, he married Sarah Miller, and to them were born two children:

Silas Byron, born August 13, 1862, who was accidentally shot and killed, July 4, 1879.

Estella, born August 10,1864; died in infancy.

In his early days Philamon was quite a successful deer hunter, and with his parents endured many of the hardships and privations of the early pioneer life. Was a member of the Lutheran church and a Jackson Democrat.

SARAH (John; John M.; J. G.), fourth child of John and Sarah Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 23, 1840; went with her parents to Henry county, Ohio, when she was nine years old. There she married John J. Hiser, son of John and Elizabeth Hiser. They resided at Colton, Ohio, where she died, leaving one child:

Frank J., born November 10, 1860.

SAMUEL (John; John M.; J. G.), fifth child of John and Sarah (Henricks) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 7, 1842; moved with his parents to Henry county, Ohio, when quite young, where he grew to manhood on his father's farm; atending school some during the winters and working on the farm in summer, and several summers assisted his Uncle John Henricks, on a brick yard, and went with John Waggoner, who owned and operated a horse-power threshing machine several seasons; was also employed on the Wabash railway one year. On January 15, 1862, his mother died, leaving the household duties to devolve mostly on his youngest sister, so he left home and went to Sandusky county, where he remained with his Uncle Jonah Henricks as a laborer, until October 18, 1862. He enlisted as a soldier of the Civil war, was assigned to Company D, 14th Regiment, O. V. I.; took an active part in the battle of Lookout Mountain, Jonesborough and Chicamauga, where on September 19, 1863, he was wounded, the ball penetrating through his left arm and shoulder, he remained in the field and hospital six weeks, laying eight days before his wound was dressed. Enduring the hardship of army life, the enemy having burned their supplies, he and Henry Andrix, his partner, subsisted chiefly on roasted or parched corn which they would take from the mules. He was in thirteen different states during the war, and in 1864, rejoined his regiment and was with Sherman's army on the famous march from Atlanta to the sea. At the close of the war, he accompanied his regiment on foot and by rail to Washington, D. C., and was in the grand review of Sherman's army, there in May, 1865. From Washington they were sent by rail to Louisville, Kentucky, and was there honorably discharged, July 11, 1865.

While in camp at Louisville, he contracted small pox, but

went with his regiment to Cleveland, Ohio, for transportation to their different homes, but on account of small pox he had to remain there three weeks, then went home to Colton, Henry county, Ohio; was again employed by the Wabash railway company in 1866. He bought his father's farm, the old homestead, eighty acres, and on October 14, 1866, at Colton, Ohio, married Mary E. Kessler, daughter of John and Catharine (Hensel) Kessler, and began farming; has been very successful; erected fine buildings and raised fine stock. In the autumn of 1896, they left the farm and moved to Liberty Center, Ohio, into a fine home, where they lead a retired life. They are members of the German Reformed church. He is a republican; also a member of Phillip Hendricks, G. A. R. Post of Colton, Ohio. Children:

Wm. Henry, born September 7, 1867.
Hattie B., born November 19, 1871.
James F., born August 6, 1876.
John E., born April 4, 1879.
Arthur E., born February 23, 1885.

WM. HENRY (Samuel; John; John M.; J. G.), first son of Samuel and Mary (Kessler) Overmyer, was born in Washington township, Henry county, Ohio, April 7, 1867; attended the common schools, and on August 9, 1889, at Colton, Ohio, married Eva D. Shoup, daughter of Wm. and Sarah Shoup, born January 21, 1872. They are farming the old home farm of his father's; are members of the Reformed church; a republican. Post office address is Colton, Ohio. Children:

Benjamin, born December 30, 1889.
Imo B., born May 15, 1892.
Helen F., born May 20, 1894.
Sarah E., born July 15, 1896.

HATTIE B. (Samuel; John; John M.; J. G.), second child and only daughter of Samuel and Mary E. (Kessler) Overmyer, was born near Colton, Ohio, November 19, 1871; was educated in the common schools of the township, and on June 24, 1894, married George F. Slater, son of James M. and Mary E. Slater, born January 2, 1866. They reside at No. 118 Norwalk street, East Side, Toledo, Ohio. One child:

Faye E., born September 28, 1895.

JAMES F. (Samuel; John; John M.; J. G.), third child of Samuel and Mary E. Overmyer, was born in Henry county, Ohio, August 6, 1876; attended the common schools of the vicinity, and on March 9, 1898, at Liberty Center, Ohio, married Gertrude Smith, daughter of Frank W. and Lona Smith, born February 16, 1874. He is a K. of P., a democrat, a barber. They reside at Liberty Center, Ohio, and have two children.

Howard K., born June 6, 1899.
Beryl L., born April 7, 1900.

JOHN E. (Samuel; John; John M.; J. G.), fourth child of Samuel and Mary E. Overmyer, was born at Colton in Henry county, Ohio, April 4, 1879; educated at Liberty Center, and on October 20, 1897, at Liberty Center, Ohio, married Blanche I. Alspaugh, daughter of Nanan and Maggie Alspaugh, born December 29, 1880. He is a republican, a general laborer and resides at Liberty Center, Ohio. Children:

Raymon, born February 25, 1898.
Gladys, born June 10, 1900.

JOHN H. (John; John M.; J. G.), seventh child of John and Sarah (Henricks) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, October 8, 1848; came with his parents to Henry county, Ohio, when a year old, where he grew to manhood; attending the common schools of that vicinity. On October 12, 1873, at Kalamazoo, Michigan, he married Ebenette Orton, daughter of Charles and Mary Orton, born at Falls Church, Fairfax county, Virginia, February 26, 1853. They reside at Moline, Allegan county, Michigan; is a farmer and railroad contractor; a Bryan democrat. Are members of M. E. church, and have the following children:

Estella F., born March 14, 1876; married Arnold Frank, October 13, 1896.

Ella M., born July 21, 1878; married Maurice Watts, March 29, 1899.

Milton Frances, born February 22, 1881.
Wm. Alphonso, born August 2, 1884.
Ethelyn, born August 11, 1887.

REBECCA (John; John M.; J. G.), eight child of John and Sarah Overmyer, was born in Henry county, Ohio, November 11, 1851; attended the common schools of that community, and later at Detroit, Michigan. Married Ralph Rood, a conductor on The Lake Shore and Michigan Central railway. In 1879, he died, leaving one child, Alice May. She married a second husband, Henry Hovey, an engineer on The Lake Shore and Michigann Southern railway, He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, and she a member of the Ladies Engineer Corps, an auxiliary to the former. They reside at No. 669 Knower street, Toledo, Ohio.

Hovey, died January 14, 1902.

JACOB (John; John M.; J. G.), ninth child of John and Sarah (Henricks) Overmyer, was born in Washington township, Henry county, Ohio, July 24, 1854; was educated in the common schools of that community, and assisted in labor on his father's farm, and on March 24, 1874, began to serve an apprenticeship of three years of horse shoeing and general blacksmithing, with T. H. Biggins at Napoleon, Ohio. After completing his appreticeship in 1877, he was admitted as a partner in the establishment, and in 1881 assumed entire control of the firm and continued work at the old stand. On September 30, 1880, at Adrian, Michigan, he married Mary L. Biggins. He is a democrat, a member of F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. Served as noble grand in I. O. O. F. lodge, No. 260, at Napoleon, Ohio, from January 15, 1884 to January 1, 1885. Member of Napoleon lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M. and was made E. A., March 25, 1884; then F. C., April 8; M. M., May 20; Holy Chapter 136 R. A. M. Master and Past Master Nov. 1, '87; Most Excellent, Dec. 6, 1887; Royal Arch, March 28, 1888; Wauseon Council No. 68 Royal and Select. Master Oct. 1, 1888, at same place. Red Cross, K. T. and Knights of Malta March 27, 1896; Defiance K. T. No. 30, Defiance, O. Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Order of Ohio Valley of Toledo Jan. 27 and 28, 1898; A. A. S. R. Toledo, O. Had one daughter born June 7, 1881; died in infancy.

BENJAMIN F. (John; Jno. M.; J. G.), tenth child of John and Sarah Overmyer, was born in Washington Township, Henry County, Ohio, October 2, 1857. When he was about four years old his mother died, his father broke up housekeeping soon after, and our subject went to live among relatives and others and had very limited common school privileges. While living at the home of his brother Samuel, being then about ten years old, he met with an accident in falling from a wagon by which he received injuries in the face and back, of which he carries a scar in his forehead. At the age of fourteen years he began to work by the month for farmers in different localities, and at the age of twenty-two he began to work as a laborer and later as a foreman in construction work on the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw Railway, in Van Wert county, Ohio. He next went to Decatur, Indiana, where he served as foreman on construction work on the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City railway. He then returned and was employed by the Wabash, St. Louis & Kansas City railway, about two years in Henry county, Ohio, under Foreman Martin Kane, familiarly known as "Old Smokes."

After three years of railroading he returned to farm work and also took contracts for various improvements, such as cutting timber, clearing land, ditching and bridge building. In the fall of 1884 he entered the Fayette Normal Music and Business College in Fulton county, Ohio, taking the Scientific Course, and during vacations working for farmers to earn money to pay his way to school. In the fall of 1888 he entered the Tri-State Normal School at Angola, Steuben county, Indiana, where he took a practical business course. He then returned to Colton, Ohio, and confined his work to that vicinity so as to be near to and assist in caring for his father during his last illness, who died May 10, 1889.

About the middle of May, 1889, he was employed as travelling salesman in the states of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, by I. E. Ilgenfritz & Sons, Nurserymen at Monroe, Michigan. He continued with them about two years or until February 15, 1891, when he was employed in the Ohio State hospital at Toledo, Ohio, first as an attendant on the M building and later as landscape gardener about two years, when ill health obliged him to resign

his position. Resuming nursery work for a few years he next took up Fire and Life Insurance, handling the New York Life and the Henry County Farmers' Mutual Insurance Companies.

In the spring of 1899 he was employed as travelling salesman one year in the states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland, for the sale of creamery butter and cheese supplies and stock, for the firm of Burnap & Burnap, Toledo, Ohio. He then returned to the firm of I. E. Ilgenfritz Sons, Monroe Michigan, for the sale of nursery stock. During the years 1897-8 he served as assessor in Liberty township, Henry county, Ohio.

At the age of nineteen years Mr. Overmyer became a member of the Reformed church in which he still retains nominal membership. In politics he has always been a democrat but is not a strict partisan. He became a member of the Masonic Fraternity at Liberty Center, Ohio, in Lodge No. 518, F. & A. M., in the year 1880, and was dimitted in 1899 and became a member of Napoleon Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M., the same year. He is also a member of the Holy Chapter, No. 136, R. A. M., Napoleon, Ohio. On April 14, 1900, at Green Lake, Mich., he married Mrs. Elsie E. (Cook) Vreland, daughter of Amos and Lydia (Brown) Cook. They reside at Green Lake, Mich. Present postoffice address is 503 Division St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

BARBARA (Jno. M.; J. G.), sixth child of John M. and Catharine (Long) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., Sept. 25, 1809, emigrated with her parents to Perry county, Ohio, when she was two years old; thence to Sandusky county in 1832, where on March 2, 1834, she married Isaac Moore, son of Jacob and Mary Moore, born in York county, Pa., June 13, 1800. They resided in Sandusky county until 1848 then moved near Colton, Henry county, O., where they continued farming. They were members of the German Lutheran church. She died June 7, 1889, aged 79 years 6 months and 12 days, is buried in Union cemetery, Washington township, Henry county, O. Children:

Geo. W., born Dec. 4, 1834;
Catharine, born July 19, 1836;
Mary, born March 18, 1838;
John, born January 23, 1840;
Daniel, born December 18, 1841;

Simon, born October 6, 1844;
Israel, born February 11, 1850.

SAMUEL (Jno. M.; J. G.), ninth child of John M. and Catharine (Long) Overmyer, was born near Somerset in Perry county, Ohio, February 1, 1815, where he grew to manhood and came with his parents to Sandusky county, O., in 1832; later married Sarah Rinehart.

They resided in Lower Sandusky now Fremont, Ohio, was engaged in mercantile business and failed involving three brothers and one brother-in-law; enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican war and died while on the march to take the city of Mexico being overcome by the excessive heat. Children: Thomas J.; Amelia; Helena, and Lucas. Both sons died single. Helena married a Mr. Dorr and moved to Michigan and later died there.

CHAPTER VI.

Line of David, sixth son of the Emigrant John George Overmyer, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1774.

DAVID (J. G.), sixth son and thirteenth child of J. G. Overmyer, the emigrant, was born near New Berlin, Union, then part of Northumberland, county, Pa., November 12, 1774, being nearly two years old when the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed. He received a fair German education from his parents and other special teachers, and was naturally endowed with the gift of surgery and healing, as practiced in those early days. He was called far and often in cases of sickness or accident by the people of the communities in which he resided. The writer remembers the occasion when his father had his shoulder partly dislocated, that Uncle David was sent for, and came and though nearly ninety years old, adjusted the trouble and prepared a liniment that soon relieved the soreness. In 1795 at Longstown (now New Berlin), Pa., he married Barbara Hochacker, born in New Jersey, April 10, 1776. They were life long members of the Lutheran church; farmers. He was a democrat until 1838 then affiliated with the Anti-Mason and later with the Whig party. During the war of 1812 he was first corporal of the 3rd company 77th regiment Pennsylvania troops, commanded by Capt. Valentine Haaz, under Lieut. Col. George Weirick, 1st Major Wm. Taggart, 2nd. Major Jacob Lechner, Adjutant George Coryell, Surgeon John Y. Kennedy, Surgeon's Mate Thomas Vanvalzah, Quartermaster George Clingman, Quartermaster Sergeant John Reehl, Sergeant Major Daniel Rohrer. They were assigned and served in the first brigade second division, under Brigadier General Henry Spearing, whose aide-de-camp was Hugh Maxwell. He served during the war. Pay roll of said 3rd company dated at Marcus Hook, Nov. 10, 1814.

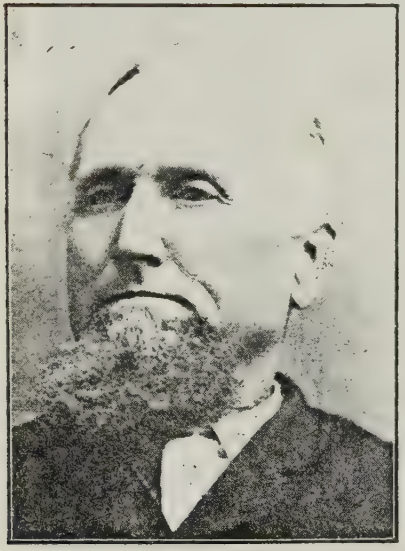
Captain, Haas Valentine.
Lieutenant, Shedle Samuel.

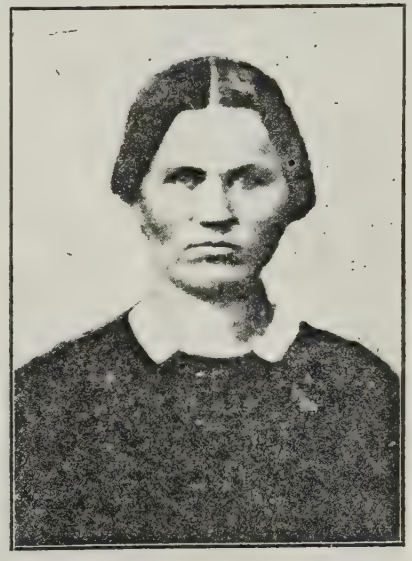
Sergeants, Eckhart, John; Hosterman, George; Boyer, Henry; Hendricks, Andrew.

Corporals. Overmyer, David; Johnston, John; Kleckner, Jacob; Richter, Frederick.

Privates, Alter, Joseph; Bachman, Lorenzo; Bear, Isaac; Berger, Joseph; Berman, Anthony; Benfer, George; Binckly, Jacob; Bous, Frederick; Bosler, Jacob; Brous, Henry; Buttenstine, Phillip; Clendinin, John; Doebler, Ludwig; Derk, Jonathan; Doffe, John; Duke, Jacob; Duke, George; Everhard, Barnes; Everhard, Phil; Fetter, Benjamin; Folk, John; Foltz, Joseph; Gordon, Willis; Gaugher, Jonas; Grim, Henry; Haas, Henry; Haas, Daniel; Hentricks, E.; Herrold, Phillip; Hobb, Frederick; Hummel, John H.; Jarrett, Jacob; Karstetter, George; Keely, John; Kessler, Michael; Kreisher, Henry; Kreitzer, Frederick; Kuns, John; Miller, Daniel; Mowrer, Jacob; Moyer, Phillip; Neitz, Jacob; Pontius, Henry; Rettig, Wm.; Richenbach, John; Rusher, John; Shedler, Jacob; Shoemaker, Peter; Smith, Abraham; Smith, John; Smith, Joseph; Sold, Phillip; Spaid, Henry; Stahl, Henry; Stimeling, George; Stock, Peter; Swartz, Peter; Swartzlander, George; Truster, John; Wagner, George; Weaver, John; Weller, Isaac; Witmer, Sam; Woodling, Henry; Wool, Daniel; Yeager, John; Yeager, Adam; Yeisly, Henry; Yerger, Phillip; Yordon, John; Young, Ludwig.

In 1844 he with his second son, Michael H., moved to Sandusky county, Ohio, with several four-horse teams and a light two seated rig, all covered with the accustomed white canvass so familiar in those days. The trip lasted fourteen days. At night grandpa and grandma would sleep at the tavern or farmhouse by the wayside and the others would sleep in the covered wagons. their meals would be prepared in camp kettles over temporary fires by the wayside. They arrived at John Rearick's and John Michael Overmyer's near Four Mile House, Saturday, May 2nd. 1844, and on the following Monday located on N. W. quarter of section 7 of Sandusky township, where they resided until their son, Michael, died in 1848, then they moved in with their son-in-law, Mathias Benner, who had come from Pennsylvania a few years previous and resided in section 22 of Washington township, where they remained until death. She departed September 9,





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1856, agd 80 years 4 months and 29 days, and he September 28, 1866, aged 91 years 10 months and 16 days. Truly receiving the promise recorded in Job V. 25-26, are buried side by side in Four Mile cemetery. Children:

Sarah, born January 4, 1797.
Frederick, born December 20, 1798.
Michael H., born January 23, 1800.
Elizabeth, born November 21, 1803.
Jacob, born November 4, 1808.

SARAH (David; J. G.), first child of David and Barbara (Hochacker) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., January 4, 1797, and later married Phillip Rudy, with whom she had ten children. Her husband died and later she married Jacob Spangler with whom she had three children.

FREDERICK (David; J. G.), first son and second child of David and Barbara (Hockacker) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., December 20, 1798, where he grew to manhood and later married Sarah Mook. They remained settlers in Pennsylvania; died and were buried there and had the following children:

Eliza, married George Vogle.
George, married and moved near Pittsburg, Pa.
Lavina.
Susan, married a Mr. Walter and once lived in Ottawa county, O.
Mary; Barbara; Amelia; Leah.

MICHAEL H. (David; J. G.), second son of David and Barbara Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., Jan. 23, 1800, where he grew to manhood and later married Elizabeth Alter, born Jan. 1, 1800. They were members of the Luthern church, farmers and moved to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1844. With several four-horse teams and covered wagons, his father, David and wife came with him and they located on section 7 of Sandusky township, where he died Jan. 12th, 1848. His wife resided with their children and died May 21st, 1884. They are buried in Four Mile cemetery. Children:

Sarah, born August 9, 1825.
Michael F., born August 25, 1829.

Angeline, born September 24, 1831.

Magdalene B., born September 30, 1833.

Elizabeth, born April 16, 1835, married Jos. Mutno; died at Trowbridge, O.

Amanda, married Wm. Ward; live at Sta. A, E. Toledo, O.

David, born August 16, 1841.

Isaac, born April 30, 1846; died at Elmore, O., Sept. 8, 1872.

Charles went to California; not heard from since.

SARAH (Michael; David; J. G.), first child of Michael H. and Elizabeth (Alter) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., grew to womanhood there and married William Swartzlander, and with her parents came to Sandusky county, O., and had the following children: Mathias; Michael; Wm. Henry; Mary; David; and James.

MICHAEL F. (Michael H.; David; J. G.), second child of Michael H. and Elizabeth Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pa., Aug. 25th, 1829, and came with his parents to Sandusky county when but sixteen years old. He attended the common schools some but had a limited education. On Feb. 1, 1858, at Hessville, O., he married Sarah A. Moyer, daughter of George and Azenith Moyer, born in Butler county, O., June 6th, 1837, residing in Hessville, O. On March 2nd, 1864, he enlisted as a private and was assigned to Com. C, 72nd Reg., O. V. I., was immediately ordered to join the regiment and participated in the battles of Rice's Cross Roads, Tupelo and Harrisburg, Miss., and engaged in the pursuit of Hood in Tennessee; also engaged at Old Town Creek and at Spanish Ford, Ala.; was mustered out Sept. 11, 1865, at Memphis, Tenn. He was a democrat, a carpenter and after he returned from the war bought a home at Lindsey, O., where he died Sept. 11, 1893, and is buried in the cemetery there.

Rolandus, born April 26, 1858; still single, lives with his mother.

Clara, born October 16, 1860.

John E. born December 20, 1862, died December 31, 1863.

Lydia E, born December 11, 1864, died August 31, 1866.

Ella, born May 27, 1867.

Isabella, born February 17, 1869.

Alice G, born March 6, 1873, died November 19, 1878.

Archie F, born January 6, 1879, unmarried yet, section foreman on Pennsylvania railroad at Tiro, O.

CLARA (Mich. F.; Mich. H.; David; J. G.), second child of Michael F and Sarah (Moyer) Overmyer, was born in Hessville, O., October 16, 1860; was educated in the schools of that place and on July 6, 1879, married Jerome Piert, born May 13, 1846. They resided at Curtice, O., most of their married life, though for several years resided at Lindsey, and later in Toledo, where he died May 31, 1903, and is buried in Crane Creek cemetery. They had:

Myrtle, died in childhood.

Frank, playfully jumped into a bin of shelled corn at the Lindsey elevator, when about 12 years old, and was drawn down by the corn running into the car and smothered to death.

Ernest, born June 22, 1884.

Leroy, born March 13, 1887.

Blanche, born February 16, 1888.

Gladys, died in childhood.

Nina, born August 24, 1892.

Flossie, born June 8, 1897.

Pearl, born January 12, 1898.

Clarence, born January 28, 1899.

Mrs. Piert married again to Jackson Hammon. They reside at Clay Center, Ottawa county, Ohio, and have one child, Isaac J, born May 19, 1904.

ELLA (Mich. F.; Mich. H.; David; J. G.), fifth child of Michael F. and Sarah Overmyer, was born at Hessville, O., May 27, 1867; attended the common school of that place and married Joseph Schuck May 14, 1889. He was born August 15, 1860, in Washington township, son of Peter and Eve Schuck, who came to America from France in 1842. After their marriage they began housekeeping in Fremont, where they have since resided. He was employed as blacksmith and carriage trimmer for some time, has been a member of the Fremont fire department for nineteen years, first as a volunteer, but now is one of the regular

men, employed on a salary. They formerly resided on North Wood street, but now have charge of "The Buckland," a hotel in the residence portion of Fremont. They have:

Marie, born November 2, 1890.
Beatrice, born March 6, 1892, died December 3, 1893.
Hilda, born September 27, 1893.
Edward J, born December 31, 1895.

ISABELLA (Mich. F.; Mich. H.; David; J. G.), sixth child of Michael F. and Sarah Overmyer, was born February 17, 1869, and married Albert Kane. They formerly lived at Lindsey and he was foreman of a gang of men when they built the Lake Shore Electric Railroad and later was section foreman. They now reside at Bellevue, O., where he is employed on a railroad. They have:

Ellen, born July 19, 1886.
Clement, born May 2, 1888.
Henry, born March, 1890.
Cora, died in infancy.
Maude, born October 16, 1893.
Hilda, born August 31, 1895
George, born October 31, 1898.
Fred, died in childhood.
Lester, born October, 1902.
Infant daughter, born June, 1905.

ANGELINE (Mich. H.; David; J. G.), third child of Michael H. and and Elizabeth (Alter) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, and came with her parents to Sandusky county, Ohio; at Hessville, O., married Jacob Burket, son of Daniel Burket. He was a member of Company C, 72d Regiment, O. V. I. Children:

Ellen, born May 3, 1855, married James Vaness, of Hessville, O.

Mary born September 13, 1857, married Edward Moyer, of Hessville, O.

George, born December 20, 1859, married Laura Vaness.

Alta, born February 27, 1874, married Henry Reed.

MAGDALENE (Mich. H.; David; J. G.), fourth child of Michael H. and Elizabeth Overmyer, came with her parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, married Solomon B. Overmyer (Geo. L.; J. M.; J. G.). See life of John M.

DAVID A. (Mich. H.; David; J. G.), second son and seventh child of Michael H. and Elizabeth (Alter) Overmyer, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1841; came with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, when about four years old; attended the common schools and on December 23, 1862, at Fremont, O., married Mahala E. Overmyer; they are members of the Reformed church; are farmers; he is a Democrat; was a soldier in the Civil war, and reside near Liberty Center, Henry county, Ohio. Children:

Mary E., born January 15, 1864.
Eugene J, born August 16, 1867.
William B, born August 14, 1870.
Charles W, born October 15, 1875.
James I, born August 13, 1878.
Naman A., born March 13, 1881.

EUGENE (David A.; Mich. H.; David; J. G.), first son and second child of David A. and Mahala E. Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, August 16 1867; was educated in the common schools of Henry county, Ohio, and on November 15, 1894, at Napoleon, O., by Geo. W. Fisk, J. P., married Laura E. Mohler, daughter of Allen and Sarah (Weirick) Mohler, born in Henry county, Ohio, August 4, 1878. They are members of the Reformed church. He is a Democrat, a general laborer, and reside at Liberty Center, O. Children:

Blanche M., born September 12, 1895.
Homer L, born July 3, 1897, died May 20, 1898.
Ray E. and Bay E., twins, born March 24, 1899.

JAMES I. (David A.; Mich. H.; David; J. G.), fourth son and fifth child of David A. and Mahala Overmyer, was born in Fulton county, Ohio, August 13, 1878; was educated in the common schools of that county and at Liberty Center, O., on August 23, 1898, at Napoleon, O., he married Florence Almina Mohler, daughter of Allen and Sarah (Weirick) Mohler, born in Henry

county, Ohio, September 6, 1881. They are members of the Reformed church; he a Democrat, a general laborer, and reside at Liberty Center, O. One child:

Mellis Evan, born March 31, 1899.

ISAAC (Mich. H.; David; J. G.), third son and eighth child of Michael H. and Elizabeth (Alter) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, April 30, 1846, and was educated in the common schools of that county; after growing to manhood he enlisted as a soldier of the Civil war, was assigned to Company C, 72d regiment, O. V. I.; was captured at Guntown and confined to Andersonville prison; while confined there he, with several comrades, once made an escape and proceeded toward the union lines a few days, but were recaptured by the dreaded bloodhounds, who compelled them to climb saplings in the woods to keep them from being torn to pieces by the ferocious animals. In 1865 he was discharged from prison and returned to Hessville, O.; after resting and regaining health and strength, several months, he served as clerk in a general store for Elias Lay at Hessville, O., for a short period of time; then went to Elmore, O., and clerked for John H. MaGee in a similar store, and on July 3, 1870, at Elmore, O., by Rev. Baldwin, with J. H. MaGee and wife as witnesses, he married Phebe Ferris, daughter of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Kimbell) Ferris, born at Elmore, O., January 27, 1850; remaining in the employ of said MaGee until quite suddenly stricken with death September 8, 1872; is buried in the cemetery there, leaving wife and one child, Jennie Bell, to mourn his early departure.

JENNIE BELL (Isaac; Mich. H.; David; J. G.), only child of Isaac and Phebe (Ferris) Overmyer, was born at Elmore, O., May 15, 1871; was educated in the schools of Elmore and on September 2, 1891, married Geo. W. Clay, son of Zachariah and Elizabeth (Troutman) Clay, born near Lindsey, O., May 9, 1867. They reside near Elmore, O.; are florists; members of the Disciple church. Have one child:

Helen R, born June 28, 1892.

ELIZABETH (David; J. G.), second daughter and fourth child of David and Barbara (Hochacker) Overmyer, was born

in Union county, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1803, where she grew to womanhood and on June 5, 1825, by Rev. Fries, at New Berlin, Pa., she married Mathias Benner, born May 1, 1803 They resided in Pennsylvania until the fall of 1843, then moved to Sandusky county, Ohio, where they followed farming; she died October 21, 1871, and he October 4, 1872, and are buried at Four Mile cemetery. Children:

Harriet Savilla, born July 23, 1827, first married Sanuel Reed; he died, then married Henry Sweet.

Mary Jane, born September 27, 1829, married Adam Hensel April 16, 1848.

Charles E., born August 30, 1833, died in 1852.

James D., born January 16, 1835, married Rebecca Thierwechter.

Elizabeth B, died in infancy.

William H, born April 6, 1840.

JACOB (David; J. G.), third son and fifth child of David and Barbara (Hochacker) Overmyer, was born near New Berlin in Union county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1808; grew to manhood there and in 1830 married Mary Margaret Hommel at Adamsburg, Pa., daughter of John and Elizabeth Hommel born at Mauk Chunk, Pa., February 22, 1808; came to Sandusky county, Ohio, in March, 1856, and located on the Maumee pike near Hessville, O.; were always farmers; members of the Reformed church; a Whig, later a Republican, and had the following children:

James A, born May 22, 1832.

Hiram and Nancy Jane, twins, born April 14, 1837.

The wife, Mary M. Overmyer, died August 10, 1862; then he married Sarah Moses, of Helena, O.; had no children with this marriage; he died June 2, 1882, aged 73 years, 6 months and 28 days; are both buried in Four Mile cemetery, Sandusky township, Sandusky county, Ohio.

JAMES A. (Jacob; David; J. G.), first son and child of Jacob and Mary M. (Hommel) Overmyer, was born in Pennsylvania and grew to manhood there; came to Sandusky county Ohio, and married Eliza Fox, daughter of Joseph Fox; became

dissatisfied with his surroundings and went west; the last heard of him was just before the Civil war; he was in California. They had three daughters: Margaret, Emma, and Elizabeth.

HIRAM (Jacob; David; J. G.), second son of Jacob and Mary M. (Hommel) Overmyer, was born at Beaver Springs, Pa., April 14, 1837; was educated in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, and came with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1857; on November 2, 1861, he enlisted as a soldier of the Civil war and was assigned to Company B, 72d regiment, O. V. I.; went with the regiment until captured at Guntown, Miss.; then was confined in Andersonville and other rebel prisons; was one of the party that escaped once, but was overtaken and treed by bloodhounds and returned to the prison again; was mustered out March 22, 1865, and returned to his father's home near Hessville, O.; on June 12, 1866, at Laselle, Mich., he married Angelina Beery, daughter of John and Elizabeth Beery, born at Hessville, O., March 12, 1840. They are farmers; members of the Lutheran church; he a Republican; reside near Grover Hill, Paulding county, Ohio, and have the following children:

Charles E, born June 17, 1867.
Eugene E, born September 16, 1869.
Albert, born June 29, 1872.
William F, born March 1, 1875.
Estella, born June 18, 1878.
Alice, born April 23, 1884.

CHARLES E (Hiram; Jacob; David; J. G.), first son of Hiram and Angelina (Beery) Overmyer, was born near Hessville, O., June 17, 1867, and was educated at the schools of that place and later moved with his parents to Paulding county, Ohio and on December 11, 1901, at Findlay, O., he married Edna Musselman, daughter of Joseph and Lucinda Musselman, born at Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, May 22, 1882; is a teamster and they reside at 319½ West Main street, Findlay, O.

NANCY JANE (Jacob; David; J. G.), only daughter and third child of Jacob and Mary M. (Hommel) Overmyer, was born at Beaver Springs, Pa., April 14, 1837; was educated at Shirleysburg Seminary, Huntington county, Pennsylvania; came

with her parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1856, and on March 27, 1864, at Hessville, O., married Elijah D. Ellsworth, son of Daniel Ellsworth, born February 24, 1836. They are farmers; members of the Presbyterian church; reside near Weston, Wood county, Ohio, and have the following children:

Eugene, born February 5, 1865.
Irwin H, born February 25, 1866.
Etta A, born February 20, 1872.

IRWIN H. Ellsworth, in September, 1888, married Anna J. Weaver, daughter of Thomas and Jennie (Mower) Weaver, born October 27, 1868. Children:

Irwin C, born December 25, 1889.
Harold E, born February 6, 1895.
They reside at Oak Harbor, O.

CHAPTER VII.

Line of Jacob, seventh son of the emigrant, John George Overmyer, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1778.

JACOB (J. G.), seventh or youngest son and fourteenth child of the emigrant John George Obermayer, was born in Union (then part of Northumberland county), Pennsylvania, March 27, 1778, where he grew to manhood and received a fair German education, and in 1798 at Longstown (now New Berlin) he married Mary Guin, born in Ireland, January 12, 1777. They resided in Pennsylvania until after his father died; this being the son that received the bear, gun and shot pouch that his father had carried during the Revolutionary war, as referred to in Pennsylvania history. Later they moved to Perry county, Ohio, and in 1833 moved to Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, where some of their children had moved some time previous. There, as many others, they experienced the stern inconveniences of pioneer life. They were members of the Lutheran church; he a Jefferson Democrat. He died quite suddenly with dropsy of the heart May 14, 1835, and is buried in the Smith cemetery, Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio. His wife staying with her children about ten years longer, died January 12, 1845, and is buried beside her husband.

Children:

Margaret, born April 10, 1799, married Hugh Mitchell.

Hugh, born April 30, 1801.

Catherine, married Emanuel Roberts.

Eva, born January 23, 1808, married Moses Deahofe.

Louis, born August 11, 1810.

Mary, married Benjamin Hammit, moved to Iowa.

Peter, born February 1, 1814.

Elizabeth, born November 19, 1816, married Daniel Overmyer.

Barbara, married Silas Kenan.

HUGH (Jacob; J. G.), first son and second child of Jacob and Mary (Guin) Overmyer, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., May 1, 1801. In 1813 the county was divided, and the subject's birthplace became a part of Union county. Before he grew to manhood he came with his parents to Perry county, Ohio, and on October 9, 1823, married Eleanor Yost, born in Wheeling, Virginia, May 20, 1802; resided in Perry county until 1833, then moved to Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, in company with his brother-in-law Hugh Mitchell and wife Margaret, and Benjamin Hammit and wife, where they resided until death. They were farmers, members of the Baptist church, he a Jefferson Democrat. He died November 20, 1851, and she March 16, 1891, and are both buried in the Smith cemetery, north of Burgoon, Ohio. Children:

Henry G., born September 11, 1824.
Harrison, born September 17, 1826.
Thomas A., born 1828, died July 29, 1830.
Lucinda, born July 15, 1830, died October 14, 1830.
Mary Catherine, born September 14, 1831, died July 17, 1876.
Sarah A., born July 24, 1833, died July 2, 1834.
Martha J., born March 4, 1835, died November, 1894.
Hiram, born May 21, 1836.
John I., born March 13, 1838.
Benjamin F., born December 29, 1839.
Infant, born and died.
Hugh M., born March 25, 1843, died in Arkansas, single, October 1, 1875.
Francis M., born February 16, 1845.

HENRY G. (Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), first son of Hugh and Eleanor (Yost) Overmyer, was born at Zanesville, Ohio, September 11, 1824, and came with his parents to Sandusky county when nine years of age, where he experienced the hardships and privations of pioneer life. Received a limited education as the facilities were poor in those days, and on September 10, 1862, at Bowling Green, Ohio, married Myra A. Day, daughter of Ira F. and Emily C. Day, of Milan, Huron county, Ohio, born August 28, 1840. They moved to Fairgrove, Mich.; were Seventh Day

Adventists; farmers. He died June 19, 1892, and is buried in Demerist cemetery, Akron, Mich. Children:

Homer A., born August 3, 1863.
Hiram O., born January 31, 1865.
Emily C., born November 8, 1866; died April 12, 1895.
Cora L., born August 25, 1873.
Olive M., born April 5, 1878.
Orin M., born April 5, 1878, died in April, 1878.
Dora A, born November, 1874, died in August, 1875.

HOMER A. (Henry G.; Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), first son of Henry G. and Myra A. (Day) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, August 3, 1863, where he grew to manhood and was educated in the common schools of that county, then went to Akron, Mich., where on March 27, 1889, he married Catherine Einwachter, daughter of Henry and Margaret Einwachter, born July 24, 1870. They are Protestants. He belongs to the Modern Maccabees, is a carpenter and contractor, has been Deputy Sheriff, and they reside at Akron, Tuscola county, Mich. Children:

Maggie A., born November 16, 1890.
Nina M., born March 14, 1892.
Alfred H., born March 11, 1893.
Robert O., born October 13, 1895.
Leonard G., born April 24, 1897.
Olive L., born May 24, 1899.
Virgia C., born March 24, 1901.
Etta V., born July 10, 1903, died April 10, 1904.

HARRISON (Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), second son of Hugh and Eleanor (Yost) Overmyer, was born in Perry county, Ohio September 17, 1826, and came with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, when he was about seven years old, where he grew to manhood, and on October 30, 1851, married Fanny Walters, born near Kansa Seneca county, Ohio, April 24, 1827. They were farmers, members of the Evangelical church, he a Republican, and moved near Plymouth, Indiana, before the civil war, where he enlisted in Miles Tibetts' company, 73rd Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, August 5, 1862; went to camp August 11, and

took final leave for the war August 20, 1862, and served until he was honorably discharged, July 10, 1865. Children:

Martha J., born October 31, 1852.
Sylvanus W., born October 3, 1854.
Sylva A., born December 25, 1856.
John Henry, born April 30, 1859.
Harrison died July 25, 1865, and his wife July 29, 1897.

MARTHA J. (Harrison; Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), first child of Harrison and Fanny (Walters) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, and moved with her parents to Marshall county, Indiana. There she married William Burkett. She died May 1, 1890, leaving children Wesley, Elizabeth, Jennie, Isaiah and Elmer.

SYLVANUS W. (Harrison; Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), first son and second child of Harrison and Fanny (Walters) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio; went with his parents to Marshall county, Indiana, where he married Mary Sigman. Their postoffice is Maxinkuckee, Indiana. Children: Effie, born November 27, 1884; Mary, born May 1, 1887.

JOHN H. (Harrison; Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), second son and fourth child of Harrison and Fanny Overmyer, was born in Indiana, April 30, 1859; was educated in the common schools and married Mary Rodenberger, born in Marshall county, Indiana, June 10, 1859. They are farmers, members of the Wesleyan M. E. church; have one child, Pearl Ruth, born March 25th, 1895.

MARY C. (Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), fifth child of Hugh and Eleanor (Yost) Overmyer, was born in Perry county, Ohio, September 14, 1831. Married Henry Lance, who enlisted in Company H, 169th Regiment, O. V. I. He died in 1864 at Fort Ethan Allen, Va. Children: Ellen, Clara, Mary and Sarah E. Second marriage, Reuben Wyant; then had Cora, Ira and George.

MARTA J. (Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), seventh child of Hugh and Eleanor (Yost) Overmyer, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, March 4, 1835, where she grew to wom-

anhood and married John Knisely, who was a farmer and carpenter; were members of the United Brethren church, he a Republican. Moved to Fayette, Mich., where she did in November, 1894. Children: Jane and George.

HIRAM E. (Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), fourth son and eighth child of Hugh and Eleanor (Yost) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 27, 1836; was educated in the common schools and Otterbein University, became a minister of the Evangelical Association, served three years as a soldier in the 165th New York Regiment; was honorably discharged at the close of the war. On March 5, 1867, he married Margaret Kemmerling, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Kemmerling, born in Sandusky county, Ohio, April 11, 1840. He died at Noblesville, Indiana, February 1, 1895, and is buried there. Children: Ira F., Cora M., Elah, Albert L., Hattie F., Elmer E. and Chester P.

IRA F. (Hiram E.; Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), first son of Hiram E. and Margaret (Kemmerling) Overmyer, was born at Plymouth, Marshall county, Indiana, January 13, 1868; was educated in the common schools and at Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois. Served three years with Troop M, 8th U. S. Cavalry, 1900 to 1903. At Junction City, Kansas, September 19, 1900, he married Maude S. Pixley, daughter of Edward and Rosa Pixley, born at Rogerton, Indiana, November 29, 1883. He is a manufacturer, a Republican, resides at Cowan, Delaware county, Indiana. Children: Dwight M., born June 20, 1901; Margaret, born November 10, 1903.

JOHN IRA (Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), fifth son and ninth child of Hugh and Eleanor (Yost) Overmyer, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, March 13, 1838, where he grew to manhood. Was educated at the various common schools of the township. On March 30, 1862, in said township, he married Sarah E. Huffman, daughter of Benjamin and Mary A. (Ferrel) Huffman, born in Ashland county, Ohio, May 31, 1844. During the civil war he enlisted, was assigned to Company H, 169th Regiment; was mustered into the service at Camp Taylor May 19th, 1864; ordered to Washington and stationed on garri-

son duty at Fort Ethan Allen. Only field duty was during Early's raid. Discharged September 4, 1864. Has always been a farmer; are members of the U. B. and M. E. church of the Grange. He is a Jackson Democrat, has held various township offices, as Justice of the Peace, Trustee, etc. Reside at Rollersville, Ohio. Had the following children:

Elsie D., born October 11, 1864; married Jonathan Cleve.

Infant son, born November 20, 1867; died.

Rowena M., born March 17, 1869; married Henry Gust.

Infant son, born October 13, 1873; died.

Sadie B., born Feb uary 28, 1875; married Ora B. Umphry.

Arthur J., born December 12, 1878; married a Miss Heinzelman, 1905.

BENJAMIN F. (Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), sixth son and tenth child of ugh and Eleanor (Yost) Overmyer, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, December 29, 1839. Was educated in the common schools of the vicinity, and later married Caroline Shawl. They owned and resided on a farm near Rollersville, Ohio, where he died February 3, 1879, and is buried at Smith cemetery, Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio. Children:

William G., married Halena Thompson; afterwards he died.

Harriet, married William Stroub.

George, died young.

Charles.

FRANCIS M. (Hugh; Jacob; J. G.), eighth son and thirteenth child of Hugh and Eleanor (Yost) Overmyer, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, February 16, 1815. He married Balinda Lease, daughter of Otho and Balinda Lease of Fremont, Ohio, and later moved to Charlotte, Mich. where they still reside. He is a carpenter and contractor, and have the following children: Glen, Cecelia, Otho and Ralph.

LOUIS (Jacob; J. G.), second son of Jacob and Mary (Guin) Overmyer, was born in Pennsylvania, August 11, 1810. Moved with his parents to Perry county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, and in 1832 married Rhoda Hammitt. She died in May, 1834, leaving one son, Hugh, born November 13, 1831; for

second wife married Mary Stofer, daughter of Joseph and Mary Stofer born January 20, 1811, and with this wife had the following children:

Susannah, born January 16, 1836; married John Kelly.

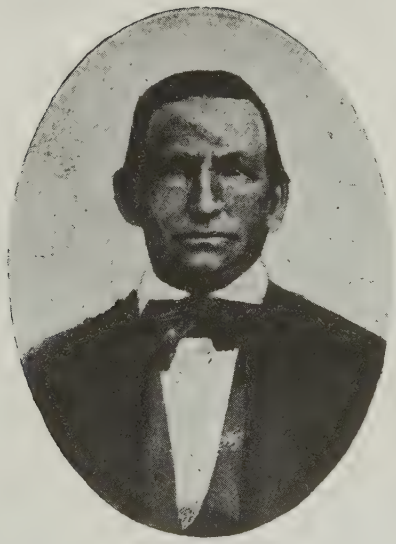
Mary Ellen, born February 16, 1839; married Henry Shreffler.

Benjamin F., born November 14, 1841.

Elizabeth Catharine, born February 19, 1844; married Birchard Havens.

Had moved into Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio and on June 1, 1866, his second wife died; then married Mary Kelly; she died October 9, 1872, then he married the fourth wife, Susan Swank. Then he died, October 1, 1886, and was buried in Smith cemetery, Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio. His fourth wife died October 1, 1888.

HUGH (Louis; Jacob; J. G.), first son and only child of Louis and Rhoda (Hammitt) Overmire, was born in Perry county, Ohio, November 13, 1831, and came with his parents to Jackson township, Sandusky county, in 1833, and his mother died there in 1834. He grew to manhood in that vicinity and near Fostoria, and on November 24, 1850, married Diannah Jane Kelly, daughter of Samuel and Lydia Kelly, born in Trumbull county, Ohio, March 1, 1828. In the spring of 1853, in company with seven other families, moved to Iowa, leaving Fremont, Ohio, May 19, and moved to Tama county, Iowa, 65 miles west of Iowa City. After viewing the condition of the country there, he and his cousin Jacob Mitchell and their families never unloaded their goods, but started back toward Sandusky county, Ohio, again, arriving in Jackson township September 6, having gone the entire distance out and back in covered wagons. He then bought 80 acres of heavy timbered and wet land within one mile of the place from which he had started. He then rented a farm and ran a threshing machine for eight or nine years. In 1867 he sold the last land he had in Jackson township, and moved onto a farm three miles south of Fostoria, which he still owns. He sold threshing machines for ten years, and in 1878 he moved to Fostoria and started in the coal and wood business and remained there four years but did not succeed well. Later specu-



Jacob Overmyer
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Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Overmyer and Three Children
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lated in real estate in Fostoria with good results. Then again moved back to the farm and resided there until his wife died, April 3, 1899. Then he moved back to Fostoria, his youngest daughter still keeping house for him. He resides at No. 230 East Crocker Street, Fostoria, Ohio. Is a Seventh Day Adventist. Children:

Anson Keeler, born December 9, 1851.

Freland Ison, Elizabeth Icy, twins, born December 14, 1855.

Lewis Benjamin, Samuel Kelly, twins, born January 31, 1857.

Rhoda Victoria, born April 24, 1863.

ANSON K. (Hugh; Louis; Jacob; J. G.), oldest son of Hugh and Diannah (Kelly) Overmyer, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, December 9, 1851. On September 28, 1876, at Independence, Ohio, he married Emma Lytle, daughter of Solomon and Rachel Lytle, born October 30, 1851 They reside near Ithaca, Mich.: have one son, Orland E., born July 13, 1879.

ORLAND E. (Anson K.; Hugh; Louis; Jacob; J. G.), first and only child of Anson K. and Emma (Lytle) Overmyer, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, July 13, 1878; later went with his parents to Gratiot county, Mich., where on August 26, 1900, at the bride's parents in Washington township, Gratiot county, he married Bertha Hornbeck, daughter of Aden Hornbeck, born January 25, 1881. They are farmers, he a Democrat. Reside near Ithaca, Mich. Have one child, Mazie Ramena, born April 5, 1903.

FRELAND I. (Hugh; Louis; Jacob; J. G.), second son of Hugh and Diannah J. (Kelley) Overmire, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, December 14, 1855, where he grew to manhood, and on April 12, 1879, in Loudon township, Seneca county, he married Fanny Sheller, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Sheller, born April 28, 1855. He is a well driller, building mover, a Democrat, and resides at Fostoria, Ohio. Have two children—Rosco V., born March 20, 1881, and Earl, born October 15, 1883.

ELIZABETH (Hugh; Louis; Jacob; J. G.), oldest daughter and third child of Hugh and Dianna Overmire, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, December 14, 1855, and on December 9, 1880, she married Daniel Cramer, son of William and Sharlotte Cramer. He runs a sawmill and planing factory, is a Republican. Are Seventh Adventists, and reside at Fostoria, Ohio.

LOUIS B. (Hugh; Louis; Jacob; J. G.), third son and fourth child of Hugh and Dianna Overmire, was born in Sandusky county, January 31, 1857, and on May 29, 1884, at Tiffin, Ohio, he married Catharine Andes, daughter of Peter and Mary Andes, born in Bavaria, Germany, June 27, 1867. He is a Democrat, in the lumber factory and structure moving business. Reside at Fostoria, Ohio, and have two children—Ada, born May 5, 1886, and Willie H. P., born May 18, 1890.

SAMUEL K. (Hugh; Louis; Jacob; J. G.), fourth son and fifth child of Hugh and Dianna Overmire, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, January 31, 1857, and on April 3, 1879, at Fostoria, Ohio, married Ida Ruth Hartsock, daughter of Nelson and Sarah Hartsock, born July 30, 1861. They are farmers, he a Knights of Pythias and a Democrat. Reside near Arcadia, Hancock county, Ohio, and have two children—Jay, born April 28, 1880; Fay, born March 9, 1887.

SUSANNAH (Louis; Jacob; J. G.), first daughter of Louis and Mary (Stofer) Overmyer, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, June 16, 1836, where she grew to womanhood, and on November 27, 1853, in Ballville township, Sandusky county, Ohio, she married John Kelly, son of Samuel and Lydia Kelly, born in Whetstone township, Crawford county, Ohio, April 11, 1830. He was a farmer and carpenter, and they were members of the Reformed Church, he died June 3, 1884, she resides at 320 Howland street, Fremont, Ohio. Children:

Rosetta, born June 3, 1855; died October 1, 1856.
Willis A., born July 11, 1858.
Rufus M., born June 14, 1861.

MARY E. (Louis, Jacob; J. G.), daughter of Louis and Mary (Stofer) Overmyer, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, February 16, 1839; attended the schools in that vicinity, and on July 6, 1856, in Jackson township, married Henry Shreffler, son of Paul and Catharine (Ickes) Shreffler born November 1, 1834 in Richland county, Ohio. They were farmers. He died November 18, 1864, leaving the following children:

Louis F., born May 17, 1857.

Allen Quincy, born September 12, 1859; died November 19 1893.

Mary Catharine, born February 5, 1861.

Henry Elmer, born July 30, 1862.

Francis Marion, born September 11, 1864.

Mr. Shreffler having died in 1864, she married John Reed, March 15, 1869, son of George and Elizabeth Reed. Mr. Reed died, leaving no children. Then on May 14, 1889, at Fremont, Ohio, she married William S. Brown, born in Belmont county Ohio, February 3, 1833. He is a saddler and hardware clerk; she a member of the M. E. Church. They reside at 520 Oliver St., Fremont, Ohio.

BENJAMIN F. (Louis; Jacob; J. G.), second son and fourth child of Louis Overmire, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, Ohio, November 14, 1841, where he attended the common schools and assisted on his father's farm until he grew to manhood. On October 10, 1861, he married Harriet Ellen Burkhart, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Weaver) Burkhart, born in Jackson township, December 4, 1835. She was a teacher of common schools and taught twelve terms, mostly in Wood county, Ohio. They were both members of the United Brethren church. He belonged to the Helena I. O. O. F. lodge, was a Democrat, and had held various township offices; formerly conducted farming for his father until the spring of 1870, then moved to Seneca county, Ohio, near Fostoria, onto his own farm; later sold that farm and bought a farm in Scott township, west of Helena, in 1872, and moved thereon, erecting all new fine buildings, and farmed there until 1901, then retired and

moved to West Madison Street, Gibsonburg, Ohio, where he died July 3, 1905, and is buried at Helena, O. Children:

Charles Louis, born September 22, 1862.

Cora Etta, born October 1, 1871.

CHARLES LOUIS (Benj. F.; Louis; Jacob; J. G.), first and only son of Benjamin F. and Harriet Ellen (Burkhart) Overmire, was born in Jackson township, September 22, 1862, attended the common schools of that vicinity and the Fostoria Academy, taught school several terms, and on December 30, 1887, married Mary Jane Neason, daughter of John and Alcena (Wilis) Neason, born June 6, 1867. He farmed his father's farm for two years, then moved to Helena and engaged in oil rig building and plumbing. After a short illness he died September 19, 1894, and is buried at Metzger cemetery, near Helena, Ohio. Children.

Theresa Fern, born January 23, 1888.

Harry Ralph, born June 25, 1889.

Grover Franklin, born September 5, 1892.

CORA ETTA (Benj. F.; Louis; Jacob; J. G.), only daughter of B. F. and Harriet E. Overmire, was born in Loudon township, Seneca county, Ohio, October 1, 1871, attended the common schools of the township and the Tinney Select School and later taught school in the various districts, and on September 9, 1891, she married Menton E. Deloe, son of D. M. and Amelia Deloe, born in Lamartine, Clairon county, Pa., is at present mayor of the village of Gibsonburg, and they reside on West Madison Street. Have no children.

ELIZABETH CATHARINE (Louis; Jacob; J. G.), youngest daughter and child of Louis and Mary (Stofer) Overmire, was born February 19, 1844, in Jackson township, and attended the common schools of the township, and on January 17, 1867, at Bettsville, Ohio, married Birchard Havens, born in Jackson township, August 16, 1846. Have always been farmers and own her father's old homestead and resided there until the spring of 1905, then moved near the city of Fremont, on the banks of the Sandusky river, intending to lead a retired life. Children:

Clara, born May 30, 1868.

Hattie, born November 13, 1871.

Myrta, born September 7, 1874; died March 18, 1875.

Della, born May 11, 1876.

CLARA, married George F. Keenan, November 11, 1886; have two children—Armina Rose, born March 7, 1890, and Edna Rose, born July 24, 1891.

HATTIE, married William W. Smith, November 12, 1896. No children. Reside at No. 1933 Linwood Ave., Fremont, Ohio.

PETER (Jacob; J. G.), third son and seventh child of Jacob and Mary (Gwin) Overmyer, was born in Perry county, Ohio, February 1, 1814; came with his parents to Sandusky county in 1833, where he assisted his brothers and father to clear away the forest and build homes. On June 24, 1838, he married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Daniel and Mary Hill, born in Berks county, Pa., May 30, 1819. Resided in Sandusky county until 1851, then moved to Iowa City, where he spent the winter. In the spring of 1852 to Tama county, located on Section 6 of Toledo township. Was one of the first settlers of the county. Was a Democrat, a farmer, a Freewill Baptist. Died in September, 1895, and is buried in Rose Hill cemetery, near Garwin, Tama county, Iowa. Children:

Eva, born April 8, 1839; died July, 1896.

John F., born November 25, 1840; died March, 1893.

Levi W., born October 1, 1842.

Silas B., born November 25, 1844.

Mary Catharine, born February 23, 1847; died January, 1884.

JOHN FRANCIS (Peter; Jacob; J. G.), first son and second child of Peter and Elizabeth (Hill) Overmyer, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, November 25, 1840. Moved with his parents to Indiana when quite young, and in 1851 to Iowa City, where they remained over winter; in the spring of 1852, came to Tama county, where he grew to manhood, attending school in the winters in the primitive log cabin school houses of early days. On July 4, 1877 he married Amy Bruner. They were members of the U. B. Church. He died at his home in Howard

township, March 19, 1892, leaving a wife and two daughters aged 11 and 14.

LEVI W. (Peter; Jacob; J. G.), second son and third child of Peter and Elizabeth (Hill) Overmyer, was born in Sanudsky county, Ohio, October 1, 1842, and moved with his parents to Tama county, Iowa, in 1851, where he grew to manhood, and on May 18, 1871, married Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of James and Margaret Wilson, born in Ogle county, Illinois, in 1845. They belong to the Christian Church. She died August 11, 1881, and had the following children:

Lena Mary, born March 13, 1872.
Walter Lee, born January 23, 1874; died August 29, 1875.
James Franklin, born February 16, 1876.
Orpha Louella, born February 19, 1879.
Willie, born August 5, 1881; died August 16, 1881.

On December 6, 1883, he married for his second wife, Clara Bell Bond, daughter of William and Mary Jane (Lummis) Bond, born in Lesneur county, Minnesota, January 28, 1864. Had one child, Warren, born December 24, 1884; died January 29, 1885.

LENA M. (Levi W.; Peter; Jacob; J. G.), first child of Levi W. and Elizabeth (Wilson) Overmire, was born in Tama county, Iowa, March 13, 1872, and later in said county, married William Albert Bond, son of William and Mary J. Bond, born in Minnesota, March 10, 1868. They are farmers. Reside at Garvin, Iowa. Children:

Ivan Leroy, born September 19, 1883.
Mary Elizabeth, born August 30, 1885.
Rex Porter, born August 20, 1888.
Lucy Bell, born November 30, 1901.

JAMES F. (Levi W.; Peter; Jacob; J. G.), third child of Levi W. and Elizabeth (Wilson) Overmire, was born in Tama county, Iowa, February 16, 1876, where he attended the schools of the county, and on March 1, 1900, at Mallard, Palo Alto county, he married Lona Jane Peden, born at Rochester, Palo Alto county, Iowa, November 30, 1877. They are farmers,

Methodists, he a Democrat; reside near Mallard, Iowa. Children:

Elma Luella, born May 30, 1901.
Harry Ralph, born February 18, 1903.
Merle Cordis, born March 10, 1905.

ORPHA L. (Levi W.; Peter; Jacob; J. G.), fourth child of Levi W. and Elizabeth Overmyer, was born in Tama county, Iowa, and on August 10, 1897, in said county, married John Krough, son of Nis and Maree Krough, born in Des Moines county, Iowa, June 24, 1874. They are farmers, members of the Christian Church, reside at Platsmoth, Nebraska. Children:

Levi Henry, born February 14, 1899.
Clive Cedric, born May 18, 1901.
Herold Ramond, born October 11, 1903.

SILAS B. (Peter; Jacob; J. G.), third son and fourth child of Peter and Elizabeth (Hill) Overmyer, was born in Jackson township Sandusky county, Ohio, November 25, 1844, and moved with his parents to Tama county, Iowa, in 1851, where he grew to manhood and attended the schools of that county. On March 12, 1868, in Tama county, Iowa, he married Martha Crawford, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Hall) Crawford, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1848. Formerly were farmers, but now engaged in real estate and insurance business. Served as soldier in the civil war; three years belonged to the 28th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Are members of the Presbyterian Church. Is independent in politics, and at present mayor of Lenox, Iowa. Children:

Marl M., born December 18, 1868.
Mary E., born May 17, 1872.
Infant son, born July 22, 1880; died July 27, 1880.
Edna B., born October 26, 1881.
Nellie M., born October 5, 1884.
Postoffice address, Lenox, Taylor county, Iowa.

The writers of this History have a portion of the Overmyer family, here given, which at the present writing they are unable to place properly, but desire to record what has been gathered, in suitable form for any future family historian, and hoping that

at an early day they can be placed in that Branch to which they belong. THE WRITERS.

A Peter Overmyer is said to have had seven children, viz.: John, Thomas, George, Joseph, Jacob, William A. and Mary. Jacob is said to reside at Geary, Oklahoma; have written him three times, and received no reply. The postoffice address of the others we know not; with longer time perhaps could have traced clearly.

WILLIAM A. (Peter), was born July 4, 1844. Was a soldier in the civil war, was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, and on February 3, 1868, at Ottawa, Illinois, married Harriet Harris, daughter of George and Hester Harris, born in New York, August 1, 1852. He was first a farmer, but later a dry goods merchant at Templeton, Iowa, where he died April 14, 1888. Had the following children:

Erwin White, born October 12, 1870.

William Howard, born May 13, 1873.

Guy Thomas, born July 12, 1875; died September 19, 1877

Carrie Bell, born November 13, 1877; married Allie Clark in 1902.

Addie Blanche, born October 23, 1880.

Bertha Ethel, born October 12, 1884.

ERVIN W. (Wm. A.; Peter), first son of William Allen and Harriet (Harris) Overmyer, was born in Tama county, Iowa, October 12, 1870, where he grew to manhood and was educated in the schools of the vicinity on November 11, 1891, at Algona, Iowa, he married Jennie Boals, daughter of William J. and Almena B. Boales, born April 22, ——. He is engaged in selling goods for a business firm on the installment plan. Resides at Houston, Texas, and have two children—Vera Almena, born September 22, 1892, and Ervin Wm., born March 24, 1894. Their postoffice address at present is No. 1708 Washington Ave., Houston, Texas.

WILLIAM H. (Wm. A.; Peter; —), second son of Wm. A. and Harriet (Harris) Overmyer, was born May 13, 1873, in Tama county, Iowa. After he grew to manhood he became a

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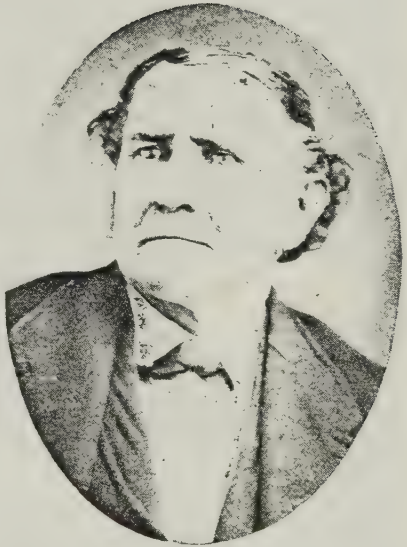

Louis Overmyer
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professional dentist. and is located at 212 and 214 Dearborn St., Boyce Building, Chicago, Illinois.

CARRIE BELL (Wm. A.; Peter; —), first daughter and fourth child of William A. and Harriet Overmyer, was born November 13, 1877, and in 1902 married Allie Clark, of Watseka, Illinois, where they still reside. Have one child, Thelma Wyonna.

Thus ends the first volume of the Overmyer History, that has taken years of toil, worry and research, for which the writers never expect to be paid for in dollars and cents, and as dollars and cents are not all of the reward there is to services rendered, they feel satisfied that coming generations will, "many years hence, when the writers hereof have gone to their reward," be thankful for the data of history and facts contained in these pages.

Thanking all who so eagerly, earnestly and faithfully assisted us in this work. and with no ill will or ill feeling toward any that were careless, negligent, indifferent or unconcerned in matters relating thereto, we bow our Exit.

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